



## US House Washington District 3

### **HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:**

AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

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## Social Security

*How would you protect Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for future generations?*

### **AARP's Position:**

Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

### **Bob Dingethal (Dem):**

I am against the Ryan budget and the privatization of Social Security. (Source: Dingethal Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xVsbf>)

### **Jaime L. Herrera Beutler (Rep):**

I will work to make sure Social Security is funded so that we can keep that promise. Privatizing Social Security is not an option and I do not support it. The real threat to Social Security is overspending by politicians in Washington, DC. For years, they have taken money from the Social Security trust fund and left nothing but I.O.U.'s. It is my job to help stop the overspending in other areas of government, so that we can put Social Security back on steady financial ground and keep our promises to those who depend on this program. (Source: Herrera-Beutler's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVqu1>)

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## Medicare

*How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?*

### **AARP's Position:**

Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person's health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

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Earlier this year, I voted for a proposal that would address the problem and take action to save Medicare. Various proposals are likely to be debated for months to come, and it is too soon to tell what will finally be adopted and signed into law. The rhetoric has already become filled with distortions and overstatements. You deserve to know the truth: I say enough. Enough empty promises. Enough budget gimmicks. Enough accounting tricks. We must have a fact-based discussion and a budget that focuses on the next generation... But rest assured, Medicare will be preserved and strengthened by the proposal I supported. (Source: Herrera-Beutler's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVroq>)

## **Financial Security**

*How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?*

### **AARP's Position:**

More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans' ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

### **Bob Dingethal (Dem):**

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

### **Jaime L. Herrera Beutler (Rep):**

When small businesses in our communities have to obtain federal permits, navigate complex rules and meet federal regulations, that means higher costs and fewer resources they could otherwise be using to hire people. Yet one well-known federal agency has issued 900 new rules in one year. I will continue working hard to reduce and eliminate unnecessary and over-burdensome regulations wherever possible. Small- and medium-sized businesses should spend their time expanding and creating jobs – not navigating a maze of government rules.

(Source: Herrera-Beutler's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVrNR>)



After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you've earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters' Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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