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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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

Cathy A. McMorris Rodgers (Rep):

Since taking office, I have worked to protect Social Security, create a simplified tax form, and ensure access to health care. I believe that Social Security must be put on a path toward fiscal sustainability without cutting benefits to those who are currently on it or nearing retirement. (Source: McMorris-Rodgers' Congressional site, <http://ow.ly/xVCpQ>)

Joseph A. Pakootas (Dem):

I support a number of policy initiatives that could have immediate and positive effects on our local economy: [...] Strengthening Social Security and Medicare by eliminating tax loopholes and subsidies to corporations who don't pay their fair share of taxes. These are benefits earned by Americans and our veterans rights and must be protected. (Source: Pakootas Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yI4xj>)

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.

Cathy A. McMorris Rodgers (Rep):

I believe access to quality, long-term care is a critical part of stabilizing overall health care for our aging populations. (Source: McMorris-Rodgers' Congressional site, <http://ow.ly/xVCpQ>)

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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.

Cathy A. McMorris Rodgers (Rep):

I support policies that empower the private sector – especially small businesses – to create jobs and spur economic growth. Small businesses are responsible for 70% of America's jobs, and when government grows... it crowds out growth in the private sector. We need to simplify the tax code, stop burdensome government regulations, reduce government spending, and balance the budget. That will give small business owners the confidence they need to invest, innovate, and expand. (Source: McMorris-Rodgers' Congressional site, <http://ow.ly/xVCJj>)

Joseph A. Pakootas (Dem):

I support a number of policy initiatives that could have immediate and positive effects on our local economy: [...] Job creation initiatives that put our unemployed back to work by incentivizing hiring in the private sector through common sense tax breaks and sensible government spending that rebuilds our nation's crumbling infrastructure. I support workers' rights to collective bargaining. I'm a CEO – not a career politician. I have created hundreds of jobs and managed over a dozen businesses. (Source: Pakootas Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yI4xj>)



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.

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