



US House West Virginia District 2

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.

Nick Casey Jr. (Dem):

He will vote to responsibly cut spending, but not on the backs of Social Security and Medicare recipients. (Source: Casey Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/x4oeZ>)

Alex X. Mooney (Rep):

No one is going to touch social security for those who paid into it and are receiving it now. [...] For younger folks we might have to reform the system in a way that personalizes it and lets them decide where to invest it, not a government program. [...] For the folks who paid in and are dealing with it now, we should keep our promises for them. I think we could look at [raising the retirement age]. Not for the folks who are on it now [...] but for the younger folks that is something we might want to consider that just because the timetables seem to show people living longer than when the program was first passed. (Source: WV Metro News, <http://ow.ly/x4l1g>)

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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I actually want to give people control over their [Medicare] accounts. Not the government. You can personalize [private accounts]. Give the folks some more rights over where to invest it and have more personal control and do some reforms that way... Not privatize, we like to use the term personalizing. The individual has control of it. You can save money by personalizing it and letting the folks have more control over it. (Source: WV Metro News, <http://ow.ly/x4l1g>)

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.

Nick Casey Jr. (Dem):

Our federal government has spent \$1.7 trillion in Iraq and Afghanistan and wasted much of that spending...we need Congress to re-prioritize and reinvest that money in infrastructure projects here at home. If you send me to Congress, I will get to work and reach out to representatives on both sides of the aisle, who may often disagree, to develop reasonable solutions that solve problems and help our government foster an environment where businesses can grow and create jobs. (Source: Casey for Congress, <http://ow.ly/ygzoP>)

Alex X. Mooney (Rep):

We need to make sure West Virginia continues to be the kind of state that attracts more hard-working Americans. I will fight for policies that attract new businesses and jobs to West Virginia so families can grow up here and make a living [...] In Congress, I will fight federal regulations that hinder job creation in West Virginia and will encourage job-creating policies for our state. (Source: Mooney Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/x4mKA>)



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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