



## US House Wisconsin 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.

### **Ron J. Kind (Dem):**

I am committed to finding responsible solutions to address the long-term financing challenges facing Social Security. I know we can find a way to ensure Social Security remains strong for today's seniors while making sure future generations can rely on it too. As part of my commitment to protect its solvency, I strongly oppose privatizing Social Security... We cannot leave the emergency retirement money of our nation to be subject to the ups and downs of the stock market. (Source: The Political Guide Website; <http://ow.ly/cvAKu>)

### **Tony Kurtz (Rep):**

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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.

### **Ron J. Kind (Dem):**

As part of health care reform, I was committed to making sure that we fixed what's broken in the health care system and strengthened what's working. For 46 years, Medicare has provided critical health care and financial stability for seniors and people with disabilities – and it's working for seniors in western Wisconsin. (Source: Congressman Kind's official site. <http://ow.ly/cHphN>)

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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.

### **Ron J. Kind (Dem):**

Currently, many small businesses do not offer a 401(k) or similar retirement savings plan because of the complexity, cost, and liability of sponsorship. In response to this problem, I wrote and introduced the Small Businesses Add Value for Employees (SAVE) Act, which would improve existing SIMPLE IRA and SIMPLE 401(k) retirement plans to make it easier for small businesses to offer savings plans to their employees. (Source: Ron Kind for Congress Website; <http://ow.ly/cvBo6>)

### **Tony Kurtz (Rep):**

While Americans face many critical issues as a nation, perhaps none deserves more practical and immediate attention than job growth. But jobs are a direct result of a vibrant economy and a vibrant economy [sic] is a direct result of reasonable and disciplined fiscal policy. The current powers in Washington don't like that idea, and so we continue in our malaise. We need to adopt proven, rational methods to stimulate job growth, starting with a moratorium on stifling over-regulation, bring manufacturing home from overseas, exploiting our expanding energy resources and the quick repeal or reform of [ACA] [...]. (Source: Kurtz Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yIlGi>)



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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