



US House Wisconsin District 4

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.

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Daniel P. Sebring (Rep):

What the media isn't telling the American people is the most recent Social Security Trustee's report now estimates that the program will exhaust its dedicated trust funds (one for old-age and the other for disability) in 2036. That means after the Aug. 2nd deadline Social Security checks can still be issued whether the debt limit is raised or not... Also, those two major bond rating agencies that the media says will downgrade the U.S.'s credit rating don't just want to see the debt limit raised...they want the U.S. to have a credible plan to reduce the debt as well! (Source: Dan Sebring for Congress. <http://ow.ly/cHs1K>)

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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Daniel P. Sebring (Rep):

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

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.

Gwen S. Moore (Dem):

...we must look forward and lay the groundwork so that that America leads in the 21st Century economy. This includes a comprehensive clean energy policy that will create jobs at home that can not be outsourced. It includes high-speed rail that will connect our cities and our people. Our country's investment in high-speed rail has helped to bring a train-car manufacturer and jobs to Milwaukee. I have worked to secure funding for innovative battery research that has created local jobs and university research that will bring construction and full-time research positions to create power from renewable resources. (Source: Congresswoman Moore's official site. <http://ow.ly/cHrC7>)

Daniel P. Sebring (Rep):

To create jobs, we must enact policies that promote and sustain stronger economic growth. We must also address extraordinary fiscal and competitive challenges that are smothering growth and driving away jobs. At the same time, there are specific steps Congress and the administration can take right now to spur faster job growth in America's private sector without adding to the deficit. (Source: Dan Sebring for Congress Website; <http://ow.ly/cvBhY>)



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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