



US House Wisconsin District 5

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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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.

Christopher B. Rockwood (Dem):

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

Jim Sensenbrenner Jr. (Rep):

In the meantime, the best way to preserve Social Security for future generations is to balance the budget, pay down the debt and eliminate wasteful spending. (Source: Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Website; <http://ow.ly/cx4fM>)

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.

Christopher B. Rockwood (Dem):

We need a simple and efficient system that further brings down costs and improves the well-being of all our citizens. I firmly believe that healthcare is a human right and as such strongly support expanding the Medicare program to cover all Americans. (Source: Rockwood for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xTo7r>)

Jim Sensenbrenner Jr. (Rep):

Any plan for reform should protect current beneficiaries and preserve the program for future generations. We can strengthen Medicare by giving beneficiaries more control over their health care, and empowering patients and their doctors, not the federal government, to make decisions about their needs. (Source: Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Website; <http://ow.ly/cx46V>)

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.

Christopher B. Rockwood (Dem):

We need to realign our budget priorities to rebuild our nation, which in turn, will create more family sustaining jobs and help develop an environment where companies reinvest here at home. We need to close current loopholes in our tax code that favor and keep American profits overseas. I am committed to fighting to raise the minimum wage, push for policies that create more jobs, and enacting a fair and transparent tax code that benefits hard-working Americans. (Source: Rockwood for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xTo7r>)

Jim Sensenbrenner Jr. (Rep):

Small business is the backbone of our economy, creating two-thirds of the new jobs in the past 15 years. That's why I work hard in Congress to create an environment that helps the private sector job creators like small businesses to create jobs and stimulate our economy through lower taxes and elimination of onerous regulations. As a recipient of the National Federation of Independent Businesses' "Guardian of Small Business Award," my aim is to ensure that entrepreneurs can thrive for years to come in Wisconsin. (Source: Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Website; <http://ow.ly/cx4O2>)



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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