



US Senate, Iowa

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.

Bruce L. Braley (D):

Bruce Braley believes that working Iowans who have paid into Social Security and Medicare their whole lives should be able to count on the benefits they've earned when they retire. That's why Bruce has fought to protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security for this generation and generations to come. He opposes risky schemes that would turn Medicare into a voucher system and privatize Social Security, and has fought plans that would re-open the Medicare donut hole. (Source: Braley Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xFVyt>)

Joni K. Ernst (R):

Joni believes strongly that Social Security and Medicare must be preserved and protected for our seniors of today and tomorrow. She opposes any efforts to change the promised benefits for today's seniors. At the same time she supports reforms that will strengthen both Social Security and Medicare to ensure the long-term health of both programs for generations to come. (Source: Ernst Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xFXFp>)

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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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.

Bruce L. Braley (D):

Our economic recovery is still fragile – and too many middle class families are still feeling the squeeze of stagnant wages and slow economic growth. Creating jobs and encouraging economic growth is my number one priority in Washington. It goes without saying that America's small businesses are the backbone of our economy. As we continue to develop policies to strengthen our economy and put America's middle class families back to work, small business development will be one of the keys to our success, especially in Iowa. [...] I've worked to promote policies that reduce, and simplify, government regulations. (Source: Braley House Website, <http://ow.ly/xFX6g>)

Joni K. Ernst (R):

Joni will fight to continue Iowa's economic growth – meaning an influx of even more businesses to the state and a resulting increase in jobs. She believes that by ensuring markets remain open to exports for Iowa goods and promoting innovation that makes Iowa more competitive in today's global marketplace, Iowa will continue its current upward economic and job growth trajectory. (Source: Ernst Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xFXFp>)



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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