



US Senate, Michigan

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 protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, low-wage workers, and individuals who become disabled and can no longer 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.

Terri L. Land (R):

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

Gary C. Peters (D):

Gary believes the essence of the American Dream is the promise that if you work hard and play by the rules, you will find a good-paying job, raise a family, and have the ability to retire with dignity. It's a promise Gary will fight to see fulfilled. Social Security is one of the most successful programs in our history and has helped thousands of Michigan seniors stay out of poverty in their retirement and live with dignity. Gary has stood firmly against those who want to end the Social Security guarantee and privatize the program. (Source: Peters Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNPMk>)

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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Gary C. Peters (D):

[Gary] knows first-hand how crucial the health care Medicare provides is to our seniors. That's why, every time [legislation] attempted to cut Medicare and end the guaranteed benefit for our seniors, Gary fought back. Gary will not back down and force Michigan seniors to pay thousands more for their health care. Medicare and Social Security are vital to long-term economic security and represent a sacred promise. Gary will fight for Michigan seniors and middle class families to strengthen and secure these vital programs for future generations. (Source: Peters Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNPMk>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans build a financial nest egg for their retirement?

AARP's Position:

There should be more opportunities and incentives for all Americans to save for their retirement and financial security. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right, and all Americans should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age. Promoting affordable homeownership and safeguarding home equity are important to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of Americans age 50-plus.

Terri L. Land (R):

Our state has done its part to get our economy back on track. Unfortunately, Washington has failed to do its part to ensure the long-term health of the nation's economy. As a business owner, I know that things in Washington have to change, and we need to make reforms now so we don't face a repeat of the economic crisis. As Michigan's U.S. Senator, I will fight for policies to create an environment that allows Michigan's manufacturing industry to thrive for generations to come. (Source: Land Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNV9E>)

Gary C. Peters (D):

[...] I've worked to implement policies that make it easier for Americans to securely save for their retirement. [...] Here's how I'm working to [...] preserve retirement security: Working to help families securely save for retirement: In 2010, I was proud to help write the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This legislation implemented new standards to prevent Wall Street bankers from taking excessive risks with families retirement funds. It also created the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to protect consumers from predatory lending practices that make it harder for Americans to retire. (Source: Peter's House Website, <http://ow.ly/xNQNJ>)



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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