



US Senate, Montana

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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As someone who started from a humble background and worked my way through college, I know what it takes to make sure everyday Montanans have a voice in Washington. That means standing up for Social Security and Medicare. These programs provide financial security and healthcare for seniors across Montana who have worked a lifetime for their benefits. We have an obligation to our seniors, and I will fight tooth and nail to make sure we strengthen and protect Social Security and Medicare. (Source: Curtis Facebook Page, <http://ow.ly/AMUHN>)

Steve Daines (R):

I strongly believe Social Security and Medicare provide critical support to seniors and people with disabilities. Indeed, tens of millions of Americans rely heavily on these programs for income and access to affordable health care. Unfortunately, major changes in demographics and surging health costs have placed these programs on an unsustainable path. We must make smart decisions to secure the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare for both the current generation and our children and grandchildren. I believe we can and must do this without hurting today's beneficiaries. (Source: Daines' House Website, <http://ow.ly/xFPQ8>)

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.

Amanda Curtis (D):

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

Steve Daines (R):

To invigorate our economy I support making the tax code fairer and simpler, reducing excessive regulations on small businesses and entrepreneurs, and tackling our nation's escalating debt crisis. I will also support efforts to increase production of American-made energy and natural resources in Montana and throughout our country. Further, I believe Congress should repeal ObamaCare and all of its job-crushing tax and regulatory burdens. With these actions, Congress would lay a foundation where Americans can create and find good-paying jobs. (Source: Daines' House Website, <http://ow.ly/xFQTc>)



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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