



US Senate, New Hampshire

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.

Scott P. Brown (R):

"Many of you also shared your concerns about the future of important programs like... Social Security. I share these concerns, and believe that we should take great care not to do anything to these programs that would impact current beneficiaries. That is why earlier this year I voted against the Ryan budget proposal. However, I believe we must act now to ensure... Social Security (is) around for future generations." (Source: Votesmart.com, <http://goo.gl/vdrTB8>)

Jeanne Shaheen (D):

"We need to protect and strengthen vital programs like Social Security and Medicare so Granite Staters who have worked hard throughout their lives can have the retirement security they have earned," Shaheen said. (Source: Shaheen Senate Site, <http://goo.gl/UONmKF>)

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.

Scott P. Brown (R):

"If Medicare is to survive for current beneficiaries and future generations, we must act. The sooner Congress addresses this, the less painful it is likely to be [...] The GAO has estimated that nearly 10 percent, or \$47 billion, of annual Medicare spending is nothing but waste, fraud or abuse. [...] We need Medicare administrators to work to prevent these improper payments [...] What's important is that we get started now and, where appropriate, phase changes in over time. This phase-in should be another principle of reform: give our future seniors enough years to adjust to the "new normal." (Source: Politico Op Ed, <http://ow.ly/xVMuo>)

Jeanne Shaheen (D):

Jeanne led the effort to strengthen Medicare by reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and save an estimated \$5,000 for each senior. Jeanne is cosponsoring bipartisan bills to require the government to negotiate for lower drug prices for Medicare and to prevent pharmaceutical companies from keeping cheaper generic drugs off the market. (Source: Shaheen Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xD9C4>)

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.

Scott P. Brown (R):

"[...] For those of us who live in the Northeast, a big expense is the price of energy, whether to heat our homes, run our businesses or fuel our cars and trucks. Making energy affordable is a priority of my Senate campaign. Last week, I introduced my plan to increase supply and reduce costs using an "all-of-the-above," comprehensive approach. [...] New Hampshire families are ready for a realistic plan that will make it easier for them to pay the bills every month and maybe even set aside some money for retirement and college tuition. (Source: Union Leader, <http://ow.ly/yVHri>)

Jeanne Shaheen (D):

Earlier this year, Shaheen introduced the Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act with Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) to help seniors avoid health care fraud which disproportionately targets seniors. "I'm glad so many people were able to attend this afternoon's session because the first step in preventing fraud and exploitation of seniors is making sure they have the knowledge to avoid those types of situations," Shaheen said. "Seniors are too often victimized by fraud and educational forums like this and the legislation I've introduced will help seniors identify and avoid some of the most common schemes." (Source: Shaheen Senate Website, <http://ow.ly/xVLLv>)



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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