



## US House Alabama District 3

### **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.

### **Mike D. Rogers (Rep):**

Mike strongly opposes privatizing Social Security, and is committed to doing all he can to ensure our most vulnerable Alabamians have access to a strong and essential Medicaid program. (Source: Rodger's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xwLTt>)

### **Jesse T. Smith (Dem):**

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## **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.

### **Mike D. Rogers (Rep):**

Supporting a good first step toward providing prescription drug coverage through Medicare, Mike Rogers worked hard to provide many of our seniors relief from skyrocketing drug costs through the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Mike's support of the Medicare Modernization Act in 2003 helped provide over \$900 million for rural healthcare in Alabama over the following ten years. Mike Rogers' strong leadership in Washington is helping our communities keep quality doctors and nurses working for Alabamians instead of going to big cities like Atlanta. (Source: Rogers Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zW4w5>)

### **Jesse T. Smith (Dem):**

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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.

### **Mike D. Rogers (Rep):**

In tough economic times, Mike Rogers is a strong advocate for lowering taxes for all working Alabamians and strengthening America's economy. Mike is committed to keeping and creating jobs in Alabama, and will oppose any trade agreement that does not promote fair trade for East Alabama interests. (Source: Rodger's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xwMNw>)

### **Jesse T. Smith (Dem):**

Economic security of the middle class is the challenge we must strive to for if we wish to continue to be a world leader. Restoring the values that made our country great for everyone who works hard and plays by the rules is paramount in my effort to support AL-03. Finding a job that pays the bills allows one to own a home, and provides affordable health care you can count on is key. I will always introduce legislation that follows these principals in relation to jobs for the people of AL-03 and Alabama as a whole. (Source: Smith Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yRwxl>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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