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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AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan — we don’t support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.

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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.

**Robert B. Aderholt (Rep):**
No matter what challenges face our Social Security system, I am committed to keeping the system available to you, your children, and your grandchildren— including opposing efforts to weaken the system. Americans have paid into the system and earned every penny they receive back. Congress must not take any action that would harm the people whom Social Security is intended to protect. Securing Social Security for today and tomorrow in a fiscally responsible way will require difficult choices. I intend to support efforts that will sustain and prolong the viability of the Social Security system. (Source: Aderholt’s Congressional Website, http://ow.ly/xwNgD)

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.

**Robert B. Aderholt (Rep):**
Medicare is making a difference for many seniors. With the enactment of the Medicare Part D prescription drug program, more people are taking advantage of the many benefits such as lower prices and greater choices that are being offered. With increasing premiums, higher costs of living, and skyrocketing drug prices, the Administration needs to compromise with Congress on real-life, affordable options provided by the private sector— which must work to ensure senior citizens and future generations do not have to choose between buying groceries and prescription drugs. (Source: Aderholt’s Congressional Website, http://ow.ly/xwNux)
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.

Robert B. Aderholt (Rep):
Sustainable job creation is critical as we move to strengthen our economy. Every American who wants to work deserves the opportunity to earn an honest living. For the small businesses that provide many of these jobs, it is critical they are given the opportunity to do what they do best, create jobs. Not be unnecessarily burdened by red tape or other bureaucratic restrictions. I believe the strength of our economy lies in the people and businesses, not with further government spending. (Source: Aderholt’s Congressional Website, http://ow.ly/xwNFg)
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.

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