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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.

**Wendy Rogers (Rep):**
We need to act now to preserve and strengthen Social Security. Congress has refused to act because it would require tough political choices. However, we all want the same thing: we want Social Security to be there when we need it. This will require an American solution, not a partisan one. I would work with my colleagues to come up with a solution to keep Social Security financially stable for the future. (Source: Wendy Rogers Campaign Website, http://ow.ly/zIKp3)

**Kyrsten Sinema (Dem):**
“Social Security and Medicare are a promise made to Arizona seniors. I’ll protect the retirement security of Arizona seniors by opposing any plan to put Social Security at the whims of Wall Street, and I’ll oppose[...] Medicare into a voucher program that would double the out-of-pocket health care costs for seniors.” (Source: Krysten Sinema Campaign Website, http://ow.ly/cwBgA)

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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.

**Wendy Rogers (Rep):**
AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

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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.

**Wendy Rogers (Rep):**
Government doesn’t create jobs, but government can prevent jobs from being created. So let’s get Congress and the federal government out of the way of real job growth. Let’s get politicians and special interests out of the way of real employment gains. If Washington weren’t so worried about who was going to take credit for eventual successes, America’s economy would likely be moving more quickly much faster along than it is today. (Source: Rogers Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/ybA56)

**Kyrsten Sinema (Dem):**
The number one job for Congress is creating a stronger economy, both nationally and here in Arizona. That means helping small businesses start and grow, because 90% of new jobs come from small businesses. And Sinema believes Congress needs to do more for the middle class, like protecting payroll tax cuts for working and middle-class families, such as those in the American Jobs Act, which would give a typical Arizona household an additional $1,430 in take-home pay. (Source: Krysten Sinema Campaign Website, http://ow.ly/cwBmZ)
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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