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.

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

**Linda T. Sanchez (Dem):**
To honor a lifetime of work and service, I will continue working with my colleagues to protect and strengthen Social Security[...] I am a proud co-sponsor of the Social Security Fairness Act, a bill which would eliminate the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision, two provisions that limit the Social Security benefits of public servants like teachers, police officers, fire fighters, and veterans. (Source: Linda Sanchez Website, http://ow.ly/c3LHl)

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.

**Benjamin Campos (Rep):**
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**Linda T. Sanchez (Dem):**
Linda believes that Social Security and Medicare are not handouts[...] Instead, Linda promotes policies to shore up the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds, ensuring a stable and secure retirement for seniors[...]She is committed to enabling our seniors to enjoy the golden years of life, rather than living in fear of poverty. (Source: Vote Smart, http://ow.ly/y5Z5v)
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.

Benjamin Campos (Rep):
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Linda T. Sanchez (Dem):
Ensuring that every American who wants to work can find a job is Linda’s #1 priority. That is why she has been a leader in advancing the “Make It in America” Agenda. The idea behind “Make It in America” is simple: America needs to be a place where we build make things again[...]. Linda believes it does not have to be this way... That is why Linda is working to create a national manufacturing strategy, to reform our tax code, to promote cutting-edge technology, and to make sure our trade agreements benefit average Americans, not foreign businesses. Rebuilding our economy will take time and hard work. (Source: Votr-CA, http://ow.ly/y5Zff)
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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