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.

Justin J. Kuhnle (D):
We made a promise to our seniors that if you contribute to these programs, you will have access to it in your later years in life when you retire. Due to changes in funding and laws written, $2.8 trillion to date is owed to the Social Security Trust fund by legislators who have used this money to fund other general fund appropriations not originally intended. I will fight to correct this wrong and will fight against any attempts to privatize Social Security, that were called for in the Paul Ryan budget and which Marlin Stutzman supported. (Source: Kuhnle Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/zQ5hO)

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

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.

Justin J. Kuhnle (D):
I oppose any attempts to change these programs that would hurt our middle-class including increasing the Medicare or retirement age. I intend to address the $2.8 trillion that has been taken and will fight to recover these funds without adding more taxes to do so. (Source: Kuhnle Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/zQ5hO)

Marlin A. Stutzman (Rep):
Over many years, Medicare has become threatened by out-of-control costs and has drawn largely from general revenues placing a dangerously tremendous strain on the financial prosperity of the Unites States. I do not feel it is right for Congress to cling to an unsustainable status quo with respect to America’s health programs. Unless Congress fixes what is broken in Medicare without breaking what is working, the program will end up causing exactly what it was created to avoid- American seniors without health security. (Source: Stutzman Congressional Site http://goo.gl/BRmkZX)
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.

Justin J. Kuhnle (D):
To grow our economy, we need to focus on growing and developing the middle class. We need to look at advancing our workers through job and skill advancement with partnerships between corporations, schools, and employees. We need to invest in small business. (Source: Kuhnle Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/zQ5hO)

Marlin A. Stutzman (Rep):
The single biggest issue that Congress should focus on is creating an environment for job creation and sustained economic growth. I’m focused on this, pursuing free-market solutions. Over the past few years, Hoosiers have struggled through a difficult economy... Tackling the debt and removing the regulatory roadblocks will pave the way for the private sector job growth Hoosiers need. (Source: Stutzman Congressional Site http://goo.gl/3foBB7)
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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