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 protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, low-wage workers, and individuals who become disabled and can no longer 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.

**John Conyers Jr. (Dem):**
During his decades of service in Congress, Representative Conyers has led the fight to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare from cuts and privatization schemes. He understands these benefits have been earned over a lifetime of hard work and that our country must honor its promises to our seniors. He is a sponsor of H. Con. Res. 72, which states that Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security benefit cuts should not be part of any deal in Congress aimed at reducing the deficit. (Source: Conyer's Campaign Site http://ow.ly/xPOdi)

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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.

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Financial Security

How would you help Americans build a financial nest egg for their retirement?

AARP’s Position:
There should be more opportunities and incentives for all Americans to save for their retirement and financial security. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right, and all Americans should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age. Promoting affordable homeownership and safeguarding home equity are important to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of Americans age 50-plus.

John Conyers Jr. (Dem):
Representative Conyers will continue to push the president and Congress to make jobs legislation a national priority. He’s introduced legislation entitled the “Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act,” which would directly put millions of unemployed Michiganders back to work in a variety of fields. He will also continue to champion targeted job creation initiatives that will strengthen the manufacturing industry and benefit our region.
(Source: Conyer’s Campaign Site http://ow.ly/xPOzJ)

Jeff Gorman (Rep):
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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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