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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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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.

Frank Pallone Jr. (Dem):
Congress created Social Security as a promise to all Americans that they or their loved ones would have a source of income when they retired, were widowed, disabled, or had survivors. For the past 75 years, it has lived up to this promise and is not in trouble financially. Congressman Pallone opposes all efforts to privatize Social Security, and put seniors at risk financially. (Source: Pallone’s Congressional Site http://ow.ly/xD3LE)

Anthony E. Wilkinson (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.

Frank Pallone Jr. (Dem):
Congressman Pallone opposed a Republican budget that would end the Medicare guarantee and turn Medicare into a voucher system that would shift costs to seniors. Turning Medicare seniors over to the private insurance companies would break the underlying promise of the system and ultimately end up costing seniors more. Based on estimates, it would increase seniors’ health costs by over $6,000 each year. (Source: Pallone’s Congressional Site http://ow.ly/xD3LE)

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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.

Frank Pallone Jr. (Dem):
Congressman Pallone supports the Democrats’ ‘Make it in America’ agenda, which does more to encourage businesses to make products in the U.S. and supports investments in important areas like education and clean energy innovation. Manufacturing has been a bright spot in the American economy and these investments will create good jobs at home and support a strong Middle Class. (Source: Pallone’s Congressional Site http://ow.ly/xD46V)

Anthony E. Wilkinson (Rep):
Instead of hurting middle class families and small businesses through high taxes, the government must reduce the tax burden. This can be achieved through a simplification of the tax code, a reduction in income tax rates and through the elimination of the alternative minimum tax on middle class families. (Source: Wilkinson for congress, http://ow.ly/yYh2L)
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.