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.

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Marshall believes that solutions for today’s issues should not come at the price of burdening our senior citizens. He will work vigorously to protect the long-term solvency of Social Security from those who want to raid the program, or privatize it for political gain and will fight hard against reducing contributions and caps to Social Security. Marshall believes that we must keep our promises to seniors. Social Security contributed greatly to reducing poverty in America and protecting Social Security and Medicare is one of his top priorities. (Source: Marshall4congress.com, http://ow.ly/xoELi)

Walter B. Jones Jr. (Rep):
With the federal government’s flood of deficit spending, many of our veterans and seniors question whether they can continue to rely on the health benefits they have earned and planned on. Both Medicare and Social Security are on the fast track to bankruptcy. The massive new entitlement...will only make this problem worse. At a time when our economy is suffering one of the worst downturns in this nation’s history, our top priorities should be getting a handle on our national debt, curtailing foreign aid, rebuilding our economy and meeting the health care obligations that... (Source: jones.house.gov; http://ow.ly/xoAGm)

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 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.

Marshall R. Adame (Dem):
Marshall will fight hard to bring good paying jobs to Eastern North Carolina and this country. He will fight to introduce "Living Wage" legislation in Congress to ensure Americans are working for a living wage that allows them to live in dignity and financial solvency. ...Marshall will not support any trade deals that will send jobs overseas, or give tax rewards for companies who move their production out of our country. He will push to get Americans back to work rebuilding this country, especially critical infrastructure like roads, bridges and schools. (Source: Marshall4congress.com, http://ow.ly/xoELi)

Walter B. Jones Jr. (Rep):
"Americans should be encouraged to save for the future and to make independent choices about their long-term health care," Congressman Jones said. "By allowing citizens to preserve their resources for retirement, long-term care insurance prepares Americans for unexpected health care costs and allows them to choose the type of care that best suits their needs." (Source: jones.house.gov, http://ow.ly/xoEcJ)
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.