US House Ohio District 1

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.

**Steve J. Chabot (Rep):**
Social Security and Medicare provide critical benefits to more than 50 million Americans, and I firmly believe these benefits must be protected for current and future recipients. I have serious concerns, however, with any proposal affects current beneficiaries or raise taxes. Instead, I believe Congress must make sure every dollar taken out of someone’s paycheck for Social Security is used only for Social Security and not used to fund bloated government bureaucracy. (Source: Chabot.House.Gov, http://goo.gl/pWSsWk)

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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 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.

Steve J. Chabot (Rep):
Revitalizing our economy and putting Americans back to work is my top priority in Washington. ...We need to get Americans back to work and in order to do that, the federal government must not continue to stifle growth with the threat of new taxes, burdensome regulations and other policies counterproductive to job creation. I support policies to empower the private sector and limit the size and scope of the federal government. I will work to eliminate unnecessary and burdensome regulations, and get government off the backs of our small businesses so that they can grow and create jobs. (Source: Chabot.House.Gov, http://goo.gl/MOEXxa)

Fred L. Kundrata III (Dem):
I am looking forward to ...to advocate for federal funds and legislation to ... promote fairness and justice in the work place for each of us to enjoy the fruits of our labor with a fair, livable wage, including equal pay for women who earn less than their male counterparts; allow common-sense, family care benefits and protections for men and women to care for a child or elderly parent if necessary; improving our public schools; saving Medicare and social security; and for creating jobs coupled with much needed education and training, especially for the long-term unemployed leading to business growth, and so much more. (Source: Democracy for America, http://goo.gl/i6GCbC)
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.