US House Tennessee District 6

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.

Diane L. Black (Rep):
A spokeswoman for Black said she considers Social Security to be a "contract with our seniors that she will honor." But she thinks private accounts for younger people should be part of any discussion of how to deal with the long-term financial health of the program. (Source: Tennessean, http://goo.gl/lL9YPn)

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Amos will stand up and say NO to the agenda that seeks to cut Medicare and Social Security. Amos will work with colleagues to ensure that future generations have the ability to take part in these great programs. He will work to ensure that instead of cuts we look at better ways of administrating the programs. (Source: Power’s Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xYhPn)

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.

Diane L. Black (Rep):
I am focused on ensuring our health care system remains the best in the world and programs like Medicare are strong for both current seniors and future generations. That means taking the unpopular health care law apart piece by piece - the IPAB included - and getting bureaucrats out of the equation. (Source: Blacks Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xYhcC)

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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.

Diane L. Black (Rep):
But America’s success does not stem from Washington programs, but from free enterprise and our entrepreneurial spirit. The real way to grow the economy is to get government out of the way, and let the real job creators, American small businesses, create jobs. The federal government needs to support entrepreneurs by eliminating burdensome regulations and discriminatory taxes that are holding businesses back. (Source: Blacks Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xYhrd)

Amos S. Powers (Dem):
Amos will go to Washington to fight for common sense solutions that will work to create jobs here in the 6th District and the country. He would jump-start our economic growth by reforming our tax system so that everyone pays their fair share, upgrading and modernizing our infrastructure, and expanding small business through development loans. (Source: Power’s Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xYhPn)
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.

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