

Where the Candidates Stand on Issues Important to Retired Americans



Barack Obama

John McCain

Privatize Social Security

Convert money now set aside for Social Security benefits into private, risk-based accounts subject to the ups and downs of the stock market. *(S. Continuing Resolution 83, Roll Call No. 68, 3/16/2006)*

Opposes

Supports

Stop Medicare Advantage Subsidies

These privately run Medicare Advantage plans replace Medicare in some cases. They drain more than \$10 billion a year from the Medicare Trust Fund and cost all Medicare recipients an extra \$2 a month in premiums. *(S. Continuing Resolution 21, Roll Call No. 103, 3/23/2007)*

Supports

Opposes

Fix Medicare Part D – Prescription Drug Coverage

Extend the sign-up period for Part D drug plans to help retirees avoid late enrollment penalties. *(H.R. 4297, Roll Call No. 4, 2/2/2006)*

Supports

Opposes

Protect Pensions

Give employees and retirees priority in bankruptcy claims for the value of company stock held in employee pension plans. *(S. Continuing Resolution 83, Roll Call No. 68, 3/16/2006)*

Supports

Opposes

Fund Veterans' Health Care

Increase funding for veterans' health care by \$1.7 billion *(H.R. 1591, Roll Call No. 126, 3/29/2007)*

Supports

Opposes

Pass the Employee Free Choice Act

Restore workers' bargaining rights and build bargaining power. *(Motion to end debate and move to full vote on S. 1041, Roll Call No. 227, 6/26/2007)*

Supports

Opposes