

WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES in CD 1 STAND ON KEY SENIOR ISSUES?

CARA and our national organization, the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) sent a questionnaire to both candidates running for Congress in your district following the June primary. Our goal is to find out where each candidate stands on key issues that impact seniors and compare their answers. Some of the questions and the answers provided are listed here. Unfortunately, the incumbent in your district did not respond to the questionnaire, so we are unable to list their responses. However, because the incumbent has cast a vote on this issue, which is a matter of public record, we have recorded their vote so that you can compare their votes to the answers from the challenger. Please review this information before you cast your vote.

Question	Candidate Audrey Denney	Candidate Doug LaMalfa (incumbent) <i>Did not respond to the ARA questionnaire</i>
Would you OPPOSE measures to further increase Social Security's normal retirement age, which is already increasing to 67?	YES	Voted to support Republican Study Committee's (RSC) proposal for the 2019 budget that includes raising the retirement age to 70.
Would you remove the current \$128,400 wage cap so that everyone would pay the same rate of Social Security Tax on all of their earnings and will you support the long term solvency of Social Security?	YES	Voted against efforts to reduce or scrap the cap on earned income. Supports the RSC proposal to move future retirees from traditional Social Security to private investment accounts.
Do you support turning Medicaid (MediCal in California) into a block grant or per-capita cap; reducing benefits and thus reducing funding for long term care (nursing homes, In Home Supportive Service, Adult Day Health Care, etc.)?	NO	Voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act (repeal legislation introduced by Rep. Black, R-TN) to reduce Medicaid by \$834 billion and cap payments to states while raising the premiums for 50-64 year olds.
Would you support turning Medicare into a voucher program, whereby beneficiaries would receive a stipend to buy private insurance, forcing beneficiaries to pay more in premiums and out of pocket costs?	NO	Voted for the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget that would cut \$500 billion from Medicare and \$1 trillion from Medicaid. This proposal would privatize Medicare, raise eligibility age, and increase premiums by 25%.
The recently enacted tax plan (which is estimated to increase the deficit by \$1 trillion) will put pressure on Congress to cut other programs. Many leaders have acknowledged that the tax plan is a two-step process, with cuts to earned benefits like Medicare and Medicaid being the next step. Would you support legislation that cuts Medicare or Medicaid, and other essential programs in order to reduce the federal debt?	NO	Voted for the tax bill in 2018 which provides tax cuts to wealthy Americans and corporations and increases the deficit by \$1.5 trillion. This bill riggers \$450 billion in cuts to Medicare with additional cuts to medical research, senior housing, food stamps and nutrition programs, and fast tracks cuts to the Social Security Administration.