

# Hillary Clinton: On Retirement Security

The AFT proudly endorses Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination, based on her ability to advance our nation's priorities and her record and positions on concerns important to our members.

## Retirement and Pension Security

- Require companies to fund 100 percent of their defined-benefit pension obligations.
- Oppose the practice of companies entering into bankruptcy as a tactical maneuver to shed their pension and other obligations to workers.
- Require every employer to open a retirement account for every worker, and allow for full portability when workers change jobs.



## American Retirement Accounts

- Establish new American Retirement Accounts that allow families to save for retirement in a way that is easy, secure and portable.
- Offer matching tax cuts of up to \$1,000 to help middle-class and working families save for retirement.
- Encourage all employers to allow no-hassle sign-ups for direct deposits into American Retirement Accounts.
- Reduce disincentives to saving by removing asset-tests for moderate-income families to contribute to American Retirement Accounts.

## Social Security and Medicare

- Ensure that the Social Security system is solvent by restocking the fund, which has been depleted under the Bush administration.
- Protect the lifelong, inflation-protected defined benefit of Social Security, and oppose diverting funds from Social Security through privatization schemes.
- Tackle skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs by allowing the federal government to negotiate for lower drug prices and to pass those savings on to Medicare beneficiaries.
- Give more seniors the ability to access long-term care services where and when they need them, including in their homes.

"The bedrock of my retirement savings agenda is a fundamental commitment to Social Security. I don't think there's any doubt that we've got to fight and finally bury the idea of privatizing Social Security."

—HILLARY CLINTON

Campaign speech in Iowa, Oct. 9, 2007



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## With momentum building, Clinton campaign gears up for Pennsylvania

AFT support essential in providing edge for endorsed candidate in March 4 victories

THREE IMPORTANT VICTORIES, three successful campaign operations by the AFT and its affiliates. That was the story from the March 4 Democratic primaries, where Hillary Clinton scored important wins in Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas. In all three states, AFT volunteers and staff mounted aggressive efforts to mobilize members on behalf of Clinton, whom the AFT executive council voted to endorse in October.

Much of the focus now turns to Pennsylvania, where the AFT has a large membership. That primary is set for April 22.

AFT Pennsylvania president Ted Kirsch is excited about the prospect of his state playing

a key role in selecting a Democratic nominee. "Many of us thought the nomination process would be over by April 22," says Kirsch, who is also an AFT vice president. The Pennsylvania state federation is sending out mailings to members, running phone banks and visiting members' homes in its efforts on behalf of the Clinton campaign.

As in many of Clinton's previous primary victories, AFT members helped provide the crucial edge for Clinton on March 4. The AFT's member-to-member outreach program included mailings, phone banking and canvassing to educate members about the issues and encourage them to support Clinton.

United Federation of Teachers president Randi Weingarten, who is also an AFT vice president, spent much of the weekend before the election in Ohio—and brought along a contingent of her New York City members to help out—boosting the efforts of volunteers and speaking at some Clinton campaign events.

"AFT members and other voters in Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas responded enthusiastically to Clinton because they know she is ready to turn the economy around, expand access to healthcare and improve America's standing in the world," AFT president Edward J. McElroy says.

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—EDWARD J. McELROY  
AFT President



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Above, members and leaders of the Toledo (Ohio) Federation of Teachers show strong signs of support. Far left, a member waves her candidate on during a Clinton rally. Left, AFT member Joan Shifflet traveled from Norfolk, Va., to help the Clinton campaign win over Cleveland voters.