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## **Dr. Tipirneni Calls for Bi-Partisan Fix to Affordable Care Act**

*Collaborative Approach Must Address Twin Pillars of Expanded Coverage and Cost Containment*

**GLENDAL, AZ** – Today Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, candidate for Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, formally issued her broad positions on healthcare reform. The U.S. healthcare system remains broken, with both rising costs and deductibles, and 28 million Americans still uninsured.

Rep. Trent Franks has consistently voted to cut healthcare for the elderly and young families, and raise premiums on older Americans, both of which hurt his constituents.

"I have seen firsthand the struggles of the uninsured as well as the direct, tangible benefits the ACA has brought to real peoples' lives. It's too valuable to simply toss aside," stated Dr. Tipirneni. "Stop the partisanship. Stop administering Band-Aids. Face head-on the issues plaguing our healthcare system."

Here are ways to strengthen and further improve the current state of our healthcare system:

- **Protect the current, most beneficial and popular ACA provisions**
  - Children can remain on their parents' insurance plans until age 26
  - No higher premiums or deductibles imposed because of pre-existing conditions
  - Prohibit imposing annual and lifetime caps on healthcare benefits
  - Maintain requirement that all marketplace plans cover basic healthcare services
- **Secure payment of cost-sharing reductions**
  - Stabilize the healthcare marketplace by enhancing insurance companies' confidence in their ability to optimally cover their insured customers' needs.
- **Expand Medicare – People under age 65 can buy into it**
  - Particularly helpful for people nearing retirement
  - Strengthens Medicare's ability to negotiate lower prices and rates for its customers
- **Drive healthcare coverage competition**
  - Spur competition between the private sector and Medicare
  - Encourage creative solutions for cost containment and improved patient care

"Healthcare is a moral obligation, but it is never 'free.' The bottom-line is that a solution must be developed that includes expanding the risk pool with healthy individuals," Hiral added.

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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician and cancer research advocate, is a candidate for Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. After losing her mother and nephew to cancer, she left emergency medicine to concentrate on cutting-edge cancer research. Now she leads teams of researchers, clinicians, and patient advocates in the fight against breast cancer, prostate cancer and childhood leukemia. At the age of three, Hiral came to America from India with her family in pursuit of the American dream. Hiral and her husband met while in medical school in Ohio. They have lived in the Phoenix area, where their three children were born and raised, for more than 20 years.

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