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## **AZ-08 Candidate Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Outpaces Incumbent Trent Franks' Last Full Year of Fundraising on Her First Report**

***Challenger posts larger quarterly fundraising total than Franks has reported in SEVEN YEARS***

**GLENDALE, AZ** – Today Northwest Valley physician and candidate for Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District announced she will file her first quarterly report with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). From her announcement on July 19<sup>th</sup> through the end of the filing period on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Tipirneni raised \$165,266 and will report \$123,339 cash on hand.

"I am overwhelmed by the support and grateful for the generosity of all the people who are standing up and saying 'enough is enough' and 'we need change in Washington,'" said Hiral. "Launching a campaign in Arizona in July, just months after a bruising election cycle, is tough, but this community is coming together because Trent Franks does not represent Arizonans' values or priorities. People in CD8 want a problem solver who cares about Arizona in Congress!"

By comparison, eight-term incumbent Rep. Trent Franks has reported raising \$119,326 in contributions since October 1, 2016. Franks has never reported raising more than \$150,000 in a quarter since he ran in the new 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and the last time he did was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2010.

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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. She is on the board of directors for the Maricopa Health Foundation.

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