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## **Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Submits More than 2,000 Signatures For Special Election Ballot Ahead of Schedule**

***Candidate for Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is First Democrat to File  
Nomination Petitions, More Than Three Times the 665 Signature Requirement***

**GLENDALE, AZ** – Today Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate and candidate for Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, submitted more than 2,000 signatures a day ahead of the deadline to the Arizona Secretary of State for the 2018 Congressional District 8 Special Election ballot, making her the first Democrat to file nomination petitions in the race.

Per Arizona law, Dr. Tipirneni needed to submit 665 signatures by 5 p.m. tomorrow, January 10, to qualify for the special election ballot. Her campaign more than tripled that figure by submitting 2,048 confirmed and verified signatures.

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the tremendous grassroots support from family and friends, neighbors and communities throughout the West Valley," said Dr. Tipirneni. "The window to gather signatures created by Franks' resignation was incredibly tight, especially during the holidays, but everyone rose to the challenge so now it's on to February!" Hiral added.

A special election is required to fill the vacancy created when disgraced former Congressman Trent Franks abruptly resigned in December 2017 in the wake of the #MeToo movement. The special primary election will be February 27, 2018, and the special general election will be April 24, 2018.

*(NOTE: Pictures of Hiral and the campaign at the Arizona Secretary of State's office are included.)*

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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni ("HERE-uhl tipper-NEH-nee"), 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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