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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Earns Endorsement of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 99

*UFCW Local 99, Arizona's Largest Union, Backs Tipirneni Early,
Asserts She is the Right Candidate at the Right Time*

GLENDALE, AZ – Today Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate, and candidate for Arizona's 8th Congressional District, proudly announced earning the endorsement of United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 99, Arizona's largest union.

"I am honored to earn support that represents thousands of hardworking Arizona families. I grew up in the shadow of a Ford plant outside Cleveland, and I saw union values at work everyday," said Dr. Tipirneni. "I share those same values that help families thrive and protect benefits, such as Social Security and Medicare, earned through a lifetime of work and contribution. I will be a voice for the hard-working people of the West Valley," Hiral stated.

"We are convinced that Dr. Tipirneni is the right person at the right time to make a real difference in Congress," said James McLaughlin, President of UFCW Local 99 and UFCW International Vice President. "As an ER doctor and mother of three, we also know she'll be a force to be reckoned with in the capitol," added McLaughlin.

UFCW Local 99's more than 23,000 members include thousands of West Valley residents. UFCW Local 99 provides a strong voice for Arizona families, improving the living standards of grocery workers and farm laborers, legal aid and medical office workers, custodial workers, parking lot attendants, and food processors, among others.

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. Ballots have already been mailed and early voting has officially begun.

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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 8th 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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