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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Continues Dominating Incumbent Debbie Lesko in Fundraising

Candidate for Arizona's 8th Congressional District raised more than double and has nearly twice as much cash-on-hand for the second reporting period in a row

GLENDALE, AZ – Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate and candidate for Arizona's 8th Congressional District, filed her campaign's 2018 Pre-Primary Federal Elections Commission (FEC) report Thursday evening.

From July 1st through the end of the filing period on August 8th, Dr. Tipirneni raised \$247,502 and reported \$446,191 cash-on-hand. Dr. Tipirneni led the pack in fundraising among Arizona Democratic U.S. House candidates for the same pre-primary reporting period.

By comparison, career politician and incumbent Debbie Lesko reported \$102,430 raised and \$245,180 cash-on-hand.

This continues the [AZ-08 fundraising trend noted during the recent special election](#), as well as the 2nd Quarter FEC report (April 25 - June 30) in which Dr. Tipirneni raised \$320,822 and reported \$300,005 cash-on-hand, whereas Rep. Lesko reported \$134,000 raised and \$156,858 cash-on-hand.

"I continue to be humbled by the grassroots support from across the West Valley and the nation," said Dr. Tipirneni. "We're also extremely thankful to feel the momentum and see the enthusiasm of the volunteers streaming into our campaign headquarters for phonebanking and canvassing," Hiral added.

In April, a special election was held between Dr. Tipirneni and Rep. Lesko in which Hiral closed the partisan gap by an astonishing 16 points. A special election was required to fill the vacancy created when disgraced former Congressman Trent Franks abruptly resigned in December 2017 in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

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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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