



For Immediate Release

September 24, 2018

Jason Kimbrough, (916) 662-2831

jason@hiral4congress.com

Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Calls Out Congresswoman Lesko's Lies, Renews Challenge for Timely, Public Forums

Tipirneni's Healthcare Plan is Distinct from "Medicare for All"... and Lesko Knows It

PEORIA, AZ – Today Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate, and Democratic candidate for Arizona's 8th Congressional District, called out Congresswoman Debbie Lesko for intentionally spreading false information about [Tipirneni's healthcare plan](#).

"From many public forums without Debbie to on-camera forums with her, I've made it clear that my plan is a true public option, a Medicare buy-in and not a hand-out," stated Dr. Tipirneni. "It's a fiscally conservative plan that enhances public-private competition and consumer choices to drive down costs while delivering quality healthcare," Hiral declared.

Over the weekend, Lesko literature falsely equated Tipirneni's plan with Senator Sanders' "Medicare For All" plan. However, Dr. Tipirneni and Rep. Lesko discussed these distinctions during a March 26, 2018, broadcast of "Arizona Horizon" on PBS 8 (KAET-TV), which can be viewed [here](#), with the relevant segment seen from 9:45 to 14:27.

[Hiral also renewed her call](#) for Congresswoman Debbie Lesko to participate in timely, community forums open to the public.

"This false claim actually highlights the need for the public to have direct access to candidates so that they can have as much information as possible before they vote," said Dr. Tipirneni. "Here in Arizona, we all know that begins almost the minute early ballots arrive in our mailboxes, so those of us running for office should respect voters by engaging with them often and early," added Hiral.

Honoring Hiral's commitment to public access, the campaign is hosting a [series of town halls](#) from September 11 through October 9 throughout the district to speak with voters about issues affecting them, including healthcare, education, and retirement security.

###

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.

For more information, please visit www.hiralforcongress.com. Follow Hiral on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/hiralforcongress> and on Twitter at @hiral4congress.