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## **Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Joins More Than 100 Candidates in Call for Sweeping Government and Election Reform Package**

*First Item on Congressional Agenda in 2019 Should be Bill to Help Restore Faith in Government*

**PEORIA, AZ** – Today Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate, and candidate for Arizona’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, joined more than 100 other congressional candidates in a call for the House of Representatives to make a government and election reform bill be the first item on the agenda for the next Congress in 2019.

Key elements of the bill would include: more transparency and accountability regarding the role of money in politics; eliminating foreign money from our political system; limiting the undue influence of mega donors and special interests; incentivizing small dollar donors; lobbying, ethics, and redistricting reforms; and voting rights protection.

“Public trust in government is at an all-time low, so it’s more important than ever that we restore faith in our elections and elected officials,” said Dr. Tipirneni. “Our neighbors and communities look at Washington’s dysfunction and feel like the system is rigged against them. We must demand a Washington that puts the people’s business first.” Hiral added.

“The American people know that Washington isn’t working for them. They want candidates who will unrig the system and put the people ahead of mega donors and special interests,” said End Citizens United (ECU) President Tiffany Muller. “Dr. Tipirneni and the rest of the candidates on this letter are serious about reform. They’re sending a strong message to Washington that when they’re elected, things will be different.”

The [letter to Congress](#) comes amid a series of high-profile scandals that are shining light on the culture of corruption in Washington and exacerbating voter cynicism. A [bipartisan poll](#) conducted by the George W. Bush Institute, the University of Pennsylvania’s Biden Center, and Freedom House shows that money in politics is one of the top reasons people believe the government does not represent them.

In addition to Dr. Tipirneni, Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-02), Anita Malik (AZ-06), and Greg Stanton (AZ-09) also signed the reform letter, which was coordinated in part by ECU, a grassroots, campaign finance reform group. Dr. Tipirneni has been endorsed twice by ECU. Her campaign launched in July 2017, and has never accepted corporate PAC money.

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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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