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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Earns “Red to Blue” Designation; Outraised Incumbent Rep. Debbie Lesko 2-to-1 in Third Quarter

*Campaign Now Listed Among Top-Tier Campaigns in the Nation;
Tipirneni Continues Fundraising Dominance Over Lesko*

PEORIA, AZ – Today, Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate, and candidate for Arizona’s 8th Congressional District, announced that her campaign has earned the coveted “Red to Blue” designation, a highly competitive program by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) [that arms top-tier candidates with organizational and fundraising support to help them continue to run strong campaigns.](#)

“As a doctor and cancer research advocate, Hiral Tipirneni has a firm understanding of an issue that concerns every family: health care,” stated DCCC Chairman Ben Ray Luján. “Hiral nearly flipped this district earlier this year because of her solutions-oriented approach and how she spoke to people directly about healthcare and retirement security. Hiral hasn’t stopped fighting since then, and the grassroots coalition around her has only gotten stronger as it works to flip this competitive seat,” he added.

“The DCCC’s support through their ‘Red to Blue’ program is just another sign that we are poised for victory this November. I’m so thankful for their generous support and their faith in our campaign to bring overdue, much needed change to the 8th District,” said Dr. Tipirneni. “This reflects the strength and determination of our team and supporters from all across the political spectrum.”

In the [2018 October Quarterly Federal Election Commission \(FEC\) report](#), Dr. Tipirneni raised \$915,883; Debbie Lesko raised \$421,780, less than half of that amount.

According to FEC reports, about 56% of Lesko’s contributions are \$200 or above, with more than half of those contributions being \$2,000 or above. In contrast, 67% of Dr. Tipirneni’s contributions are less than \$200, and the average contribution is \$22.

Over 28% of Lesko’s contributions are from corporate lobbyists and special interests, while Dr. Tipirneni’s campaign has not accepted corporate PAC dollars. Also, Rep. Lesko’s campaign has received significant contributions from the Arizona Public Service Company (APS), the Koch Brothers, and private healthcare insurance companies. In fact, **Lesko received the second largest dollar amount of contributions from Koch Industries this election cycle** out of all U.S. Congressional and Senatorial candidates.

Tipirneni is closing on Lesko 48-44, according to a [recent survey](#) of AZ-08 voters. This poll showed that since an August 2018 baseline survey, **Tipirneni has closed a 9-point deficit, putting her within the margin of error**, and poised to flip this congressional seat.

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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni (“HERE-uhl tipper-NEH-knee”), 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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