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On the Anniversary of Citizens United Decision, Dr. Hiral Tipirneni highlights corporate money influence in AZ-06 Race

Rep. David Schweikert benefits from outside spending thanks to his vote against lowering prescription drug prices.

Ten years after *Citizen United*, the decision has had a detrimental impact on our politics -- including right here in Arizona. Earlier this month, American Action Network (AAN) launched an advertising campaign in the 6th Congressional District to support Congressman David Schweikert after he voted against the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act (H.R. 3) that would lower the cost of prescription drugs. AAN received **\$2.5 million** from Big Pharma in 2018.

"Ten years after the Citizens United decision, we continue to see dark money flow into Arizona to influence our elections. Congressman Schweikert has proven again and again that he is willing to put his Big Pharma supporters before his constituents," said Dr. Hiral Tipirneni. **"I speak to families all the time who are struggling to keep up with the cost of prescription drugs, and I've seen what happens when they come into the emergency room when they can't afford their life saving medications. It's time to end the influence of corporate money and get back to solving the problems Arizonans face."**

The Lower Drug Costs Now Act would benefit over 678,500 residents of Arizona's 6th congressional district who are enrolled in either a Medicare Part D or private health insurance plan, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. The CBO estimates it would save a family of four approximately \$1920 per year.

Rep. Schweikert has taken over \$30,000 into his campaign from pharmaceutical companies and voted to hand out a tax cut that saved these pharmaceutical companies billions of dollars.

About Hiral

Dr. Hiral Tipirneni has dedicated her career to improving health care in her community, first as an emergency room physician serving the Phoenix area. After losing her mother and nephew to cancer, Hiral directed her passion and problem-solving skills to evaluating and directing funding for cutting-edge cancer research. She now leads teams of researchers, clinicians, and patient advocates in the fight to treat and cure breast cancer, prostate cancer, and childhood leukemia.

Hiral and her husband Dr. Kishore Tipirneni chose to build their life in the Valley, where they have lived for more than two decades and raised their three children.

Hiral is running in Arizona's 6th Congressional District, which is currently represented by Congressman David Schweikert, who is [under investigation](#) over allegations that he misspent official funds and received illegal campaign contributions.

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