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## **Dr. Tipirneni Calls Out Congressman Schweikert Over Voting Against Bipartisan Bill to Lower Prescription Drug Prices**

*Schweikert stands with big pharma over Arizona families*

Following Congressman Schweikert's vote against the bipartisan Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, candidate Hiral Tipirneni issued the following statement:

**"As a former ER physician, I've seen firsthand what happens when people can't afford their prescription drugs and end up in the hospital as a result, with complications that could have been avoided. I talk to folks every day who are struggling to keep up with the ever-rising costs of prescription drugs - people with diabetes who are rationing the insulin they need to survive, seniors who can't put food on the table because they need to buy their heart meds, and young families who are drowning in debt from their children's seizure or asthma meds. This is happening all across Arizona while pharmaceutical companies reap record profits.**

**It is unconscionable that Rep. Schweikert would vote against the health and well-being of his constituents by standing with the big pharmaceutical companies that fund his campaign. It's time we had a leader who will vote to actually help the Arizona families they were elected to serve instead of appease their special interest donors."**

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 family immigrated to this county to pursue the American dream. She 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.

For more information about the campaign, please visit [www.hiralforcongress.com](http://www.hiralforcongress.com).

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