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Dr. Tipirneni Calls On Congressman Schweikert to Speak Out Against Trump's Decision to Slow Down Testing

As President Trump holds a Phoenix rally despite a COVID-19 case spike in Arizona, Hiral asks Schweikert to condemn gathering of thousands of people and speak out against testing slow-down

On the heels of Arizona's worst spike in COVID-19 cases yesterday, Dr. Hiral Tipirneni calls on Congressman Schweikert to speak out against Trump's call to slow testing and the rally that could endanger thousands of Arizonans.

"At his rally last week, President Trump boasted about instructing his administration to reduce testing for COVID-19 – a reckless policy that damages our ability to fight the spread of coronavirus in our communities. And today President Trump is holding a rally right here in our district – against the advice of his own White House's top medical advisor – that will bring thousands of attendees and worsen the scope of this epidemic here in Phoenix, despite the fact that we are already seeing a surge in cases locally.

Yet despite these irresponsible actions that will cost Arizona lives and delay the goal of reopening our economy and getting back to work, Rep. Schweikert has put partisan politics above science and common sense, remaining silent and allowing President Trump to damage our efforts to fight this pandemic. We deserve strong leadership to keep our community safe, smart leadership that respects facts, and independent leadership to stand up against partisan agendas. But Rep. Schweikert yet again prioritizes his own personal political career over standing up to protect his constituents. Rep. Schweikert – if you're not willing to put the lives of his constituents and the health of our local economy over Washington political games in the midst of a deadly pandemic, when will you?" said Dr. Hiral Tipirneni.