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**Former Congressman Ron Barber Endorses Kirsten Engel**  
*Barber joins growing list working to elect Kirsten Engel*

TUCSON, AZ – Former Congressman Ron Barber has endorsed Kirsten Engel in her campaign for the office he once held.

After a career that spanned over thirty years with the Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities as Regional and State Director, Barber served as District Director for Congresswoman Gabby Giffords from 2007- 2012. Barber was serving in that post on January 8, 2011 when he and eighteen others were shot by a gunman at a constituent outreach event in Tucson. After Giffords' resignation Barber ran for and held the seat from 2012 to 2015.

"I know Kirsten has what it takes to fight for Arizona. She'll listen to constituents from across her district, and advocate for them in good faith.

Right now, Republicans in Congress are focused on rolling back our fundamental rights and cutting earned benefits for veterans and seniors. We need leaders who will actually fight for our best interests.

Kirsten will work for the people who live in the District regardless of their party affiliation. Her opponent, Juan Ciscomani, only works for Kevin McCarthy.

Arizona deserves better."

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Kirsten Engel is a former legislator, attorney, professor, wife, and mother running to bring her experience, drive, and determination to Washington. There, she'll fight to make our community a better, safer, and more equitable place for every family and child. For more information visit [www.KirstenEngel.com](http://www.KirstenEngel.com).