



US REP. DEBBIE LESKO WON'T SEEK RE-ELECTION IN ARIZONA NEXT YEAR - ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Photo: US Rep. Debbie Lesko Speaks during a rally in Mesa, AZ

U.S. Rep. Debbie Lesko announced Tuesday that she will not run for office next year.

The Arizona Republican has decided to spend more time with family.

In a statement, Lesko, 64, said traveling every month to Washington, D.C. has been difficult and that "D.C. is broken."

She said her office will continue to serve her constituents until her term officially ends in January 2025.

Lesko represents Arizona's 8th Congressional District. An ardent supporter of former President Donald Trump, Lesko received an endorsement from him during her last election. However, she had no serious challengers in the GOP primary.

A former school board member and state lawmaker, Lesko won a House seat in a special election in 2018.

In 2020, the Arizona Republic reported [Lesko had legal and financial problems](#) in her past. The newspaper found several bankruptcies, lawsuits over unpaid bills and an arrest warrant in the 1980s and '90s.

Lesko said in response that her first husband was abusive and a "con man." She even created a website linking details of her ex-husband's criminal past and a video of her daughter recounting abuse she saw and suffered in childhood.