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## **Attorney General Griffin Applauds Supreme Court Decision Upholding Tennessee Law to Protect Children from Experimental Surgeries**

*Griffin: 'I applaud the high court's sound legal reasoning and commonsense approach'*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after the Supreme Court of the United States issued a decision upholding a Tennessee law that prohibits health-care providers from issuing puberty blockers for gender-transition purposes or performing gender-transition surgeries on minors:

“Today’s decision by the Supreme Court is a win not just for Tennessee but also for many other states, including Arkansas, that have passed similar laws protecting children. I applaud the high court's sound legal reasoning and commonsense approach.

“Arkansas’s SAFE Act, which the legislature passed in 2021, has been mired in legal proceedings since that time. Because our law is similar to Tennessee’s law, today’s decision has positive implications for our case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. I am preparing an official notification detailing today's decision and the implications for our case to be filed with the Eighth Circuit.”

To read the Supreme Court’s decision, [click here](#).

## **About Attorney General Tim Griffin**

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state's 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas's Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin is currently an officer in the Arkansas Army National Guard and holds the rank of colonel. Griffin served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master's degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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