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Attorney General Griffin Launches One Pill Can Kill Initiative at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Griffin: 'UAPB's involvement will ensure that many more students learn about the dangers of fentanyl and what they can do to help stop its deadly impact on our young people'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement announcing that the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has joined the One Pill Can Kill initiative:

“Earlier today I joined University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Chancellor Anthony Graham to announce the kickoff of the One Pill Can Kill initiative at UAPB. This is the third campus in Arkansas that has joined the initiative. UAPB’s involvement will ensure that many more students learn about the dangers of fentanyl and what they can do to help stop its deadly impact on our young people.”

Following a press conference this morning at UAPB, students gathered for hands-on training to learn to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose, how to administer naloxone to treat someone experiencing an overdose, and how to use testing strips to ensure that medications or beverages have not been laced with fentanyl.

Chancellor Graham added the following statement:

“The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is committed to student safety and sharing life-saving knowledge with young adults, the campus, and the community about the dangers of counterfeit pills containing lethal doses of fentanyl. We welcome the partnership with the Office of the

Arkansas Attorney General and the opportunity to join other universities in Arkansas to challenge the misconceptions that one can tell a counterfeit pill by sight. We rally to support and expand the One Pill Can Kill message and campaign, a powerful initiative that has the potential to save countless lives and make a profound difference in our communities.”

The Arkansas One Pill Can Kill initiative is funded using opioid settlement funds managed by the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the State of Arkansas. The initiative launched in October 2024 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and will expand to more college campuses throughout the school year. To learn more about One Pill Can Kill, visit www.arkansasag.gov/OnePillCanKill.

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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