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**Attorney General Griffin Launches One Pill Can Kill Initiative at Arkansas Tech University**

*Griffin: 'ATU's involvement will play a crucial role in educating college students about the dangers of fentanyl and empowering them to take action to prevent its devastating impact on young lives'*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement announcing that Arkansas Tech University has joined the One Pill Can Kill initiative:

“Today I joined Arkansas Tech University President Dr. Russell Jones to announce the kickoff of the One Pill Can Kill initiative at Arkansas Tech. This is the seventh campus in Arkansas to join the initiative. ATU’s involvement will play a crucial role in educating college students about the dangers of fentanyl and empowering them to take action to prevent its devastating impact on young lives.

“In addition to announcing the kickoff, we are providing training for student leaders today that will equip them to recognize an overdose and know how to respond, as well as providing testing kits to be able to detect fentanyl in medications or beverages. ATU will also soon receive a vending machine where students, faculty, and staff can access free units of naloxone, commonly known as Narcan. The vending machine, training, and other materials are all funded by opioid settlement dollars managed by my office on behalf of the state.”

President Jones added the following statement:

“I am grateful to Attorney General Tim Griffin and his staff for bringing the One Pill Can Kill workshop to Arkansas Tech University. One Pill Can Kill is an important initiative that is making an authentic difference in addressing the public health threat posed by fentanyl. The ability to offer this educational opportunity aligns with our ongoing efforts at Arkansas Tech to provide beneficial wellness programs to the members of our campus community. We are committed to maintaining Arkansas Tech’s reputation as a safe place to live, learn, and work. It is my hope that the ATU students who attend the One Pill Can Kill workshop will become advocates for fentanyl awareness and help save lives.”

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](http://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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