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Attorney General Griffin Leads Letter Calling on Congress to Consider Preemption of Abortion Shield Laws

Griffin: 'Pro-abortion states should not be able to disrespect the laws passed in pro-life states'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after leading a letter signed by 16 other attorneys general calling on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions to consider preempting abortion shield laws:

“Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill will soon testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, to discuss the dangers of abortion drugs and call on the committee to consider the preemption of abortion shield laws at the state level. I am proud to lead this letter alongside my pro-life colleagues in support of AG Murrill’s testimony.

“The Supreme Court of the United States’ *Dobbs* decision in 2022 returned the responsibility of setting abortion laws to the states, and since then many states have passed laws restricting abortions. Other states have passed laws purporting to ‘shield’ abortion providers from liability and prosecution for performing or aiding in abortions in states where it is illegal.

“Pro-abortion states should not be able to disrespect the laws passed in pro-life states. Doing so violates the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution and flies in the face of federalism.”

Joining Attorney General Griffin on the letter were the attorneys general of Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

To read the letter, [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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