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**Attorney General Griffin Launches One Pill
Can Kill Initiative at Hendrix College in Conway**

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CONWAY – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after holding a press conference with Hendrix College President Karen Petersen to announce the launch of the One Pill Can Kill initiative at Hendrix:

“As a Hendrix alumnus, it was a distinct honor to be back on campus today to announce the launch of the One Pill Can Kill initiative. Hendrix is the 10th campus in Arkansas to join One Pill Can Kill, and it is only the second private institution.

“Our message to young people about the dangers of illicit opioids, particularly fentanyl, is spreading across college campuses and in communities throughout Arkansas. I have no doubt that the awareness we are bringing to this issue will be the difference between life and death for some young Arkansans, which is why we are determined to bring this program to as many schools as possible.”

Petersen added the following statement:

“Hendrix is committed to preparing students for meaningful lives while helping them make informed decisions that protect their well-being and the well-being of others. The rise of illicit opioids like fentanyl poses a serious threat to communities across the country, including college

campuses. We are grateful to Attorney General Tim Griffin for bringing the One Pill Can Kill initiative to Hendrix. By equipping students with knowledge and practical resources like test kits, this program helps raise awareness and save lives.”

Following today’s press conference, Hendrix student leaders engaged in training on how to avoid accidental overdoses, how to recognize the signs of an overdose, and how to administer Narcan in the event of an overdose.

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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