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Attorney General Griffin Returns to the University of Arkansas for One Pill Can Kill Training; Notes State's Decline in Opioid Overdose Deaths

*Griffin: 'The drop in overdose deaths since 2023 illustrates
the stakes involved: We're helping to save Arkansans' lives'*

FAYETTEVILLE – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after joining University of Arkansas Chancellor Charles Robinson for a press conference to mark the second round of One Pill Can Kill training at the University of Arkansas:

“We kicked off the One Pill Can Kill initiative at the University of Arkansas nearly 18 months ago. According to statistics recently published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arkansas’s number of opioid overdose deaths has dropped by more than 50% since the summer 2023.

“Many factors and many partners deserve credit for this positive trend. But now is not the time to rest on success, which is why we came back to Fayetteville today for another round of student training. I am also pleased to announce that my office is funding two additional Narcan vending machines on the UA campus. We had previously funded one machine at the UA, and each machine provides Narcan free of charge.

“This is the 11th round of training we’ve provided to college students on campuses across the state, and we have many more planned. To date, we’ve trained more than 1,700 students on the dangers of illicit opioids and how to respond when someone overdoses.

“The drop in overdose deaths since 2023 illustrates the stakes involved: We’re helping to save Arkansans’ lives.”

University of Arkansas Chancellor Charles Robinson provided the following statement:

“Campus safety and preparing students to have a positive impact in the world are two of our top priorities, and our partnership with Attorney General Griffin’s office is advancing both. The knowledge, skills, and resources participants will gain through this training could make a lifesaving difference in an emergency where every second counts.”

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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