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Attorney General Griffin Co-Leads Amicus Brief Asking United States Supreme Court to Uphold Tennessee Ban on Experimental Gender Treatments

Griffin: 'Our Constitution gives states—not the federal courts—the responsibility to regulate the practice of medicine'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement regarding the amicus brief he and the attorneys general of Kentucky and Indiana filed on behalf of a 22-state coalition asking the United States Supreme Court to uphold a Tennessee law that protects children by prohibiting certain medical interventions to treat gender dysphoria, including puberty blockers and hormones:

“The people, through their elected state representatives, determine what procedures are safe and beneficial for their state’s children. Tennessee, like Arkansas, has enacted a law that prohibits experimental sex-change procedures on kids. Our Constitution gives states—not the federal courts—the responsibility to regulate the practice of medicine. As such, we are asking the United States Supreme Court to uphold the rights of states to protect their citizens.”

Joining Kentucky, Arkansas, and Indiana on the amicus brief in the matter of *United States v. Skrametti* were the attorneys general of Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana,

Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

To read the brief, [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 has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years and currently holds the rank of colonel. 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.

He is currently serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana. His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Liberty (née 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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