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Attorney General Griffin Praises United States Supreme Court Decision Upholding TikTok Divestment Law

Griffin: 'It is now up to TikTok and its bosses in China to comply with the law of our land or face the consequences'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement after the United States Supreme Court unanimously upheld a federal law requiring the Chinese-owned company ByteDance Ltd. to divest its ownership of the social media platform TikTok:

“I am proud to have joined my fellow state attorneys general last year in an amicus brief supporting the Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act passed overwhelmingly by Congress. This act requires ByteDance, which is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, to divest its ownership of TikTok by January 19, 2025.

“Today’s unanimous ruling protects Americans from being influenced and manipulated by a foreign adversary. It is now up to TikTok and its bosses in China to comply with the law of our land or face the consequences.

“Moving forward, I will continue my efforts to protect our citizens from the deceptive practices of TikTok through my ongoing litigation here in Arkansas. We must be vigilant across all fronts to keep our private information out of the hands of the communist Chinese government.”

To read the order, [click here](#).

To read the amicus brief that was filed by Attorney General Griffin and 20 other attorneys general, [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 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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