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## **Attorney General Griffin Joins President Trump at White House for Signing of Executive Order to Protect Women in Athletic Competitions**

*Griffin: 'President Trump's executive order today restores common sense'*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement after he joined President Donald Trump at the White House for the signing of an executive order to protect women in athletics:

“Women and girls deserve the right to compete in athletic events on a fair and safe playing field. The previous administration was intent on putting female athletes at risk and degrading the integrity of competition because of its allegiance to ideals that are out of touch with reality. I applaud President Trump for doing what the Biden administration failed to do.

“When the previous administration proposed to re-interpret Title IX to mandate males being allowed to play in girls’ and women’s athletics, I led a 19-State coalition opposing it, and the administration backed down. Then last year I co-led a lawsuit challenging the Biden administration’s unconstitutional and nonsensical reinterpretation of Title IX that would have required schools and universities to allow males into girls’ and women’s locker rooms and

showers. A federal district court agreed with our lawsuit and implemented a preliminary injunction against the new rule that we challenged.

“President Trump’s executive order today restores common sense. Women and girls deserve the chance to compete in athletics without fear of harassment, injury, or unfair competition.”

To read a copy of the President’s executive order, [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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