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Attorney General Griffin Wins Challenge to Biden Administration Rule that Gave Biological Males Access to Female Locker Rooms and Bathrooms

Griffin: 'The vast majority of Americans disagree with Biden on this issue'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after a federal court dismissed the Biden administration's appeal of an injunction won by Griffin and Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey:

"This lawsuit challenged a Biden administration rule that rewrote Title IX to give biological males access to women's and girls' locker rooms, bathrooms, and other areas that had previously been restricted based on biological sex. The vast majority of Americans disagree with Biden on this issue, believing instead that the safety of girls and women is paramount, and they should not be forced to share bathrooms and locker rooms with biological males.

"The recent order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit dismisses the appeal by our opponents and preserves the preliminary injunction we won last July. I am grateful to the Trump administration for agreeing to dismiss the appeal, and for their broader commitment to restore common sense in how we approach this issue."

To read a copy of the order, <u>click here</u>.

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.