



# TIM GRIFFIN

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ARKANSAS

January 17, 2023

Mr. Kyle E. Burton  
625 Marshall Street  
Suite 130, Justice Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
Phone: 501-682-6849

Re: STATE OF ARKANSAS V. VERONICA McCLANE (No. CV-22-254)

Dr. Mr. Burton,

I write to provide this Court with an update on the Appellees' masking policies. When the State filed its reply brief, only the Pulaski County Jail's and the Pulaski County Detention Center's mask mandates remained in effect. It is our understanding that the Jail and the Detention Center are no longer requiring asymptomatic, precautionary masking. With those final mandates lifted, each claim in this case is moot. As the County Judge explained in a filing in a different case, "[w]hatever public interest may have existed in this matter has diminished substantially with the decline of the virus and the lifting of the mask requirement." Motion to Dismiss & Incorporated Brief, *Doug Reed v. Pulaski County*, No. 60CV-21-1653 (Pulaski Cnty. Cir. Ct. Mar. 18, 2022).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah Templin".

Hannah Templin

cc: All counsel