STATEMENT FROM HOUSE SPEAKER MATTHEW J. SHEPHERD REGARDING TEMPORARY ORDER

Arkansas House Speaker Matthew J. Shepherd released the following statement on Friday:

"While I disagree with this temporary ruling, I am pleased that the Attorney General has already appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court. The LEARNS Act is an important and transformative law for Arkansas that as I have said before was handled consistent with long-standing Constitutional practices, which years of Republican and Democratic legislators have followed and participated in. It remains unfortunate that such is now being challenged; however, I am still confident the Constitutionality of the law and the legislative process will ultimately be upheld."