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EDWARD B. RUST, JR. IS ELECTED IIHS BOARD CHAIRMAN

ARLINGTON, VA – Edward B. Rust, Jr. is the new chairman of the board of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Chairman and chief executive officer of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Rust also is chairman of the National Alliance of Business and of the American Enterprise Institute. In addition, he serves as chairman of the Business Round Table's education task force. State Farm is the nation's largest auto insurer.

"We are pleased that the Board will be headed by someone who has provided such strong leadership at the national level," says IIHS president Brian O'Neill. Serving with Rust as the IIHS Board's chairman-elect is Stephen A. Milne, president and chief executive officer of Erie Insurance Group. Vice chairman of IIHS is O.M. Nicely, president and chief executive officer of GEICO Corporation.

Other IIHS Board members: G. Edward Combs, vice president, Progressive Corporation; John B. Conners, executive vice president and manager, Personal Market Department, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; Michael F. DiNeen, vice president of legislative affairs and federal relations, Kemper Insurance Companies; Edward B. Eliason, vice president, Royal & SunAlliance; Martin Feinstein, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies; Stephen J. Hasenmiller, president, Personal Lines, The Hartford; Robert T. Herres, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, USAA Property and Casualty Insurance; Rodger D. Lawson, president, Alliance of American Insurers; Edward M. Liddy, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, Allstate Insurance Company; Dimon R. McFerson, chairman and chief executive officer, Nationwide Insurance; Richard R. McLaughlin, Jr., vice president, Amica Mutual Insurance Company; Harvey R. Pierce, chairman and chief executive officer, American Family Mutual Insurance Group; Edward M. Rafter, III, president and chief executive officer, Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company; Catherine A. Rein, president and chief executive officer, Metropolitan Property and Casualty Insurance; Jack Ramirez, president, National Association of Independent Insurers; and Robert E. Vagley, president, American Insurance Association.

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