

# HIGHWAY LOSS DATA INSTITUTE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EUGENE C. CONNELL IS ELECTED HLDI BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Arlington, VA — The Highway Loss Data Institute is pleased to announce the election of Eugene C. Connell as the new chairman of the Board of Directors. Connell is senior vice president and division officer, actuarial division, at Erie Insurance Group. He succeeds Philip Baum, associate vice president-actuarial risk segmentation, at Nationwide Insurance. Baum served as HLDI chairman in 2006 and will continue to serve as a Board member.

Connell says, "I'm proud to be working with HLDI to advance its mission of producing scientific data to help the public choose safer vehicles." HLDI president Adrian Lund adds, "I'm pleased that HLDI gains such a strong leader."

Serving as vice chairman is Laurette Stiles, vice president-strategic resources, State Farm Insurance Companies. Other HLDI Board members are Debra Ballen, executive vice president, public policy management, American Insurance Association; Randy Birchfield, vice president, product development and actuarial, AIG Agency Auto; Howard L. Cohen, director of claims services, GEICO Corporation; Frederick F. Cripe, senior vice president, product operations, Allstate Insurance Company; Martin Deede, vice president, pricing actuary, MetLife Auto & Home; Myron Dye, vice president, property and casualty actuary, USAA; Thomas J. Ellefson, actuary-auto lines director, American Family Mutual Insurance Company; Judith M. Feldmeier, vice president and chief actuary, Auto Club Group; Donald Griffin, vice president, personal lines, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; Keith Holler, vice president, research, The Travelers Companies; Scott Kelly, product development manager, Progressive Insurance; Alan R. Ledbetter, senior vice president and chief underwriting officer, personal market department, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; Shu C. Lin, vice president and actuary, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies; Stanley Miyao, insurance consultant, California

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State Auto Association; Thomas G. Myers, vice president, product management, High Point Safety and Insurance Management Corporation; Dan Pickens, vice president and chief actuary, GMAC Insurance; Bill Reddington, associate actuary, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance; Linda Shepherd, vice president and chief actuary, Safeco Corporation; Byron W. Smith, vice president, actuarial services, American National Property & Casualty; and Jonathan White, assistant vice president and actuary, The Hartford.

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