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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **GARY KUSUMI IS ELECTED IIHS BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Arlington, VA — The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is pleased to announce the election of Gary Kusumi as the new chairman of the Board of Directors. Kusumi is president and chief executive officer of GMAC Insurance Personal Lines. He succeeds Richard R. McLaughlin Jr., vice president, Amica Mutual Insurance. McLaughlin served as IIHS chairman during 2006 and will continue to serve as a member of the Board.

"I look forward to working with this Board and my colleagues in the important endeavor of making our highways safer," Kusumi says. Institute president Adrian Lund adds, "Gary's strong leadership will help us continue to build on our successful research and crash test programs in 2007."

The new chairman-elect is Brian V. Boyden, executive vice president, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. Serving as vice chairman is Gregory V. Ostergren, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, American National Property & Casualty Companies. Other IIHS Board members are David R. Anderson, chairman and chief executive officer, American Family Mutual Insurance Group; R. Gregory Ator, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, Bituminous Insurance Companies; Debra Ballen, executive vice president, public policy management, American Insurance Association; Jonathan Bennett, executive vice president, personal and small business insurance, The Hartford; Jerry Canada, chief executive officer and executive vice president, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance; Steve Carroll, executive vice president and general manager, North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance; Charles Chamness, president, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; Paul Condrin, president, personal markets, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; Frederick F. Cripe, senior vice president, product operations, Allstate Insurance Company; Myron Dye, vice president, property and casualty actuary, USAA; Jeff Gendron, senior vice president,

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property casualty operations, COUNTRY Insurance and Financial Services; Michael Hughes, executive vice president, insurance operations, Safeco Insurance; Douglas S. Joyce, president, ALFA Alliance Insurance Corporation; Mory Katz, chairman and chief executive officer, Response Insurance; Joseph P. Lacher Jr., executive vice president, personal insurance, The Travelers Companies Inc.; Jeffrey A. Ludrof, president and chief executive officer, Erie Insurance Group; Adrian Lund, president, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety; Wilbur L. Martin, vice president, personal lines, auto product management, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies; Don McCubbin, executive vice president, Shelter Insurance; Richard R. McLaughlin Jr., vice president, Amica Mutual Insurance Company; W. Neal Menefee, president, Rockingham Group; William D. Moore, president, MetLife Auto & Home; O.M. Nicely, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, GEICO Corporation; Frances D. O'Brien, senior vice president, worldwide underwriting manager, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies; Stephen S. Rasmussen, president and chief operating officer, property and casualty insurance operations, Nationwide Insurance; and David J. Skove, general manager, South Region, Progressive Insurance.

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