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**FARMERS INSURANCE AND ZURICH FINANCIAL SERVICES
SUPPORT TEENS, PARENTS, MEDICAL GROUPS AND
BUSINESS LEADERS TO PUSH ENACTMENT OF FEDERAL
LAW TO PROTECT TEEN DRIVERS**

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*Motor Vehicle Crashes the Number #1 Killer of Teens - More than
80,000 Deaths over 10 Years Involved Teen Drivers.*

LOS ANGELES, CA—(April 22, 2009)—April begins the prom and graduation season for teen drivers all across America. Farmers Insurance Group of Companies® and parent Zurich Financial Services today announced their full support for passage of the proposed federal Safe Teen and Novice Driver Uniform Protection Act (STANDUP Act).

“We join the Saferoads4teens Coalition in its effort to urge all states to swiftly enact model Graduated Drivers Licensing laws for newly-licensed teen drivers,” noted Farmers Insurance Group Senior Vice President Bill Martin.

"Prom and Graduation season offer the joy of friendship and achievement to teens throughout the nation. Farmers urges teens to drive responsibly," Martin said. "To protect teens who do act responsibly from those who do not, we urge Congress to pass the STANDUP Act. The impact of graduated licensing proposed by the STANDUP Act is supported by research; successful pilot laws in tens of states and countries; and significant drops in accidents, injuries and deaths. Insurers like Farmers seek to provide more stable insurance rates for our highest risk driving population, and more peace of mind for parents. "

Farmers and Zurich congratulate Judith Lee Stone and Jacqueline Gillan of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, which will spearhead the new Saferoads4teens Coalition and its web-based grassroots campaign at www.saferoads4teens.org.

“We also offer a special thanks to U.S. Representatives Tim Bishop (D-NY) and Michael Castle (R-DE), chief sponsors of the STANDUP Act,” added Martin. “We encourage everyone to contact their congressional representatives and ask them to support the STANDUP Act.”

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