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The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation and The Council of State Governments Offer Educational Programming on Autonomous Vehicles

MALVERN, Pa.—The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation is collaborating with The Council of State Governments, or CSG, to provide policymakers with non-advocative, nonpartisan educational programming that examines insurance issues surrounding autonomous vehicles, including the potential shift in liability from drivers to auto and tech companies, which is just one of the issues that policymakers may face as self-driving car technology evolves.

On June 13, a select group of the nation's transportation policymakers will attend two sessions organized by CSG and The Griffith Foundation, highlighting the insurance and liability issues associated with autonomous vehicles. The sessions will take place during the 2017 CSG Autonomous & Connected Vehicles Policy Academy in Detroit on June 12-14, and will feature a Griffith-selected academic, legal scholar Robert Peterson of Santa Clara University.

"Both The Griffith Foundation and CSG are excited to work together on providing education that examines the impact of autonomous vehicles on insurance," said Frank Paul Tomasello, program director at The Griffith Foundation. "Our commitment to delivering nonpartisan, non-advocative programming for the benefit of public policymakers is at the core of our organizations' relationship."

On May 23, CSG and The Griffith Foundation presented a webinar that highlighted innovations in the automobile industry and its implications for insurance.

The two organizations also recently collaborated on four on-site sessions this spring: March 22 in Denver, Colorado; March 28 in Olympia, Washington; April 19 in Hartford, Connecticut; and April 26 in Montgomery, Alabama. At these sessions, speakers addressed insurance and policy concerns of automakers in each locale as well as local perspectives on autonomous vehicle activities from state departments of transportation, research universities and planning organizations.

"CSG and The Griffith Foundation share a belief that the future of insurance will be a key nut to crack for states as autonomous vehicle policy is debated in the years ahead," said Sean Slone, director of transportation & infrastructure policy at CSG. "The Griffith Foundation has been a great partner in

bringing these essential conversations to CSG members, and the policy academy will be a great continuation of that partnership and those conversations."

About The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation

The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, non-advocative educational organization dedicated to providing unbiased information about risk management and insurance through educational programs targeting students and public policymakers. The Griffith Foundation is affiliated with The Institutes, the leader in delivering proven knowledge solutions that drive powerful business results for the risk management and property-casualty insurance industry. For more information, visit GriffithFoundation.org.

About The Council of State Governments

Founded in 1933, The Council of State Governments is our nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government. CSG is a region-based forum that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. This offers unparalleled regional, national and international opportunities to network, develop leaders, collaborate and create problem-solving partnerships. For more information, visit www.csg.org.
