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Dustin Peterson Named IIA of IL Young Agent of the Year

Springfield, IL. (October 2019) – Dustin Peterson of Clinton, IL was named Young Agent of the Year by the Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois (IIA of IL) during the Association's annual convention. Peterson was presented with the Young Agent of the Year Award for demonstrating exceptional service to the insurance industry, professional trade associations, and community.

Peterson is the third generation in the family-owned agency, Peterson Insurance of Clinton, IL, which has been in operation since 1966 and offers personal lines, commercial lines, life and health, and farm and crop coverage. Located in small-town Middle America, there is nothing small about their service or product line-up. Everyday interactions with customers are infused with small-town values like discretion, integrity and straight talk.

Peterson began his career in insurance 16 years ago and is licensed in all lines. He actively volunteers for the Independent Farm Insurance Agents of IL, currently serving as Vice President, and participated in the planning and implementation process that resulted in the successful merger between the Farm Agents and Independent Insurance Agents of IL in 2018. He is also currently serving as Vice-Chair of the IIA of IL Government Relations Committee.

In addition to being a regular attendee of the IIA of IL State Legislative Day, Peterson has traveled to the Big "I" Legislative Conference in Washington, DC to meet with members of Congress and has developed and leveraged relationships with elected officials to ensure that they are educated on insurance industry issues. Peterson is active in local politics, having served as a precinct committeeman, Chair of the local County Republican Party, and founder of a local Young Republicans group. Additionally, Peterson has volunteered as a youth coach with his local YMCA and youth golf program.

Peterson received his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in 2003 and became licensed in all lines of insurance in that same year. He received his Real Estate Broker's license in 2004.

The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois is an association representing Trusted Choice® independent insurance agents throughout the state. IIA of IL membership is comprised of 1,000 insurance agencies representing 10,000 licensed independent agents engaged in all facets of the insurance industry, including property, casualty, life and health. Its members are businesses that offer customers a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies. In addition to serving the professional needs of members, IIA of IL works for the betterment of the insurance industry through legislative and consumer awareness programs. The IIA of IL is headquartered in Springfield, Illinois. Visit IIA of IL's website at <u>www.iiaofil.org</u>.