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Road Safe America names executive director To expand its mission to make highways safer

ATLANTA – Road Safe America, (www.roadsafeamerica.org), a non-profit dedicated to making America's highways safer by reducing collisions between big trucks and passenger vehicles, announces that former board member Thomas Hodgson has been named executive director.

Stephen C. Owings, Road Safe America's co-founder, said Hodgson will grow national support for RSA's mission by raising its public visibility and promoting public education about the need to drive more safely around big trucks. Tom will also be a key leader in seeking a national rule requiring electronic speed governors on tractor trailer rigs to be set at 65 mph.

"During his tenure on our board of directors, Tom has been a trusted counselor and has shown a true passion for promoting the mission of Road Safe America," said Owings. "When it came time for us to search for our organization's first executive director, we did not have to look very far. We are delighted and honored that someone with Tom's talents, background and experience has accepted this very important new post."

Owings and his wife, Susan, founded Road Safe America after their son, Cullum, was killed in 2002 when his car – stopped in an interstate traffic jam – was crushed from behind by a tractor trailer rig on cruise control speeding 7 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

Hodgson is a native Georgian who has lived in New York and Boston prior to returning to Atlanta. His business career was primarily in the financial services world providing investor communications services to Wall Street banks and their clients. Along with his wife, Patti, Hodgson has three children.