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CONSUMER ALERT: AUTO INSURANCE TELEMARKETING PROGRAM

CHEYENNE, **Wyo.** — Commissioner Tom Hirsig is warning Wyoming consumers of a deceptive auto insurance telemarketing program. Recently, an automated phone message has been reported that is advising Wyoming consumers that the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office has released consumer information concerning the need to update auto insurance. The message begins with information that the consumer is paying too much for auto insurance according to the Secretary of State's Office.

The Secretary of State's Office has no consumer insurance database to release any such information, and does not sponsor or evaluate insurance companies' ratings for financial strength or operating performance. Commissioner Hirsig urges individuals to be cautious when receiving these types of solicitations.

Please contact your insurance agent or the Wyoming Department of Insurance at 1-800-438-5768 (in Wyoming Only) or at (307) 777-7401 for assistance with insurance companies' ratings or other insurance information.