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Independent Insurance Agent Delegation Represents Illinois in Washington, D.C.

**Luke Praxmarer** of **Corkill Insurance Agency, Inc.** in Elk Grove Village, IL

took part in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America National Legislative Conference & Convention April 29 – May 1, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Praxmarer was among 50 insurance professionals from Illinois who met with their elected officials to educate them on how state regulation of insurance benefits both consumers and insurance agents, and to explain the valuable role agents play in the sale and service of health insurance products. In addition to meeting with their local congressman, agents met with Senator Roland Burris and a member of Senator Richard Durbin's staff.

Throughout the conference, agents heard keynote presentations from high-profile speakers including: Chief Deputy Republican Whip, Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.); House Republican Whip, Rep. Eric Cantor (R-Va.); and Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.). They also participated in professional insurance education seminars.

The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois (IIA of IL) coordinated the Illinois delegation and offered scholarships to those who participated in the conference.

The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois membership is comprised of 1,500 insurance agencies representing 12,000 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 extensive legislative, education and consumer awareness programs.

IIA of IL is also an affiliate of Trusted Choice®, a national consumer brand that educates consumers about the benefits of using independent insurance agencies and brokerage firms for their insurance and financial services needs.

The IIA of IL is headquartered in Springfield, Illinois. Visit IIA of IL's consumer website at [www.ChooseIndependent.com](http://www.ChooseIndependent.com) or agent website at [www.iiaofillinois.org](http://www.iiaofillinois.org)

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