$15.00 on the average. When available, later statistics will unquestionably show an even more dramatic increase in costs.

I should add here that the phenomen of higher benefits necessitating higher premiums for the automobile insurance industry has been paralleled by the actions of other programs, such as Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Medicare, all of which are involved in the payment of similar benefits.

Yes, gentlemen, the cost of automobile insurance has gone up, as has virtually the price we pay for any service or product. We recognize also that in the current economic climate, continuation of the present system of providing automobile insurance benefits will almost inevitably result in still higher premiums for the motoring public. As an industry, we do not feel that an ever increasing cost is the solution to the current problem. It is important, however, that we realize that the insurance industry did not create our present at-fault tort liability system. Rather, it responded to its existence and has succeeded well in creating a "product" that fills a basic need within the system. At the moment, industry groups are carefully analyzing and weighing possible alternative automobile insurance systems of reimbursement. It is our hope that an alternative to the current system can be devised which will result in a system of reparations which produce lower insurance premiums for the motoring public.

EXHIBIT A

Underwriting experience—All stock companies

All automobile coverages combined, 1957–66

Year	Premiums earned	Statutory underwriting profit or loss: Amount	Statutory underwriting profit or loss: As percent of premiums earned
1957	$3,295,093,404	−$301,031,523	−9.1
1958	3,534,509,906	−142,265,516	−4.0
1959	3,818,521,979	−18,601,443	−.5
1960	4,065,952,774	54,329,811	1.3
1961	4,145,216,923	41,516,064	1.0
1962	4,309,472,668	−60,365,147	−1.4
1963	4,584,192,772	−109,912,854	−2.4
1964	4,896,030,351	−280,836,201	−5.7
1965	5,409,444,137	−251,863,740	−4.7
1966	6,085,838,638	−32,180,447	−.5
Total	44,144,273,552	−1,101,210,996	−2.5
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY—BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE COMBINED			
1957	$2,024,188,622	−$263,383,645	−13.0
1958	2,218,185,138	−196,754,126	−8.9
1959	2,441,155,916	−105,135,125	−4.3
1960	2,627,490,170	−38,910,636	−1.5
1961	2,705,120,637	−58,523,856	−2.2
1962	2,828,230,353	−86,683,263	−3.1
1963	2,989,462,029	−122,121,730	−4.1
1964	3,184,329,856	−233,466,560	−7.3
1965	3,504,350,618	−234,671,247	−6.7
1966	3,895,036,968	−183,164,283	−4.7
Total	28,417,550,307	−1,522,814,471	−5.4
AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE			
1957	$1,270,904,782	−$37,647,878	−5.3
1958	1,316,324,768	54,488,610	4.1
1959	1,377,366,063	86,533,682	6.3
1960	1,438,462,604	93,240,447	6.5
1961	1,440,096,286	100,039,920	6.9
1962	1,481,242,315	26,318,116	1.8
1963	1,594,730,743	12,208,876	0.8
1964	1,711,700,495	−47,369,641	−2.8
1965	1,905,093,519	−17,192,493	−0.9
1966	2,190,801,670	150,983,836	6.9
Total	15,726,723,245	421,603,475	2.7

Source: Best's "Fire and Casualty Aggregates and Averages," 1967 edition.