

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Progressive Corporation (NYSE:PGR) will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., eastern time. The meeting will be held by online audio webcast only. There will be no physical location for the meeting. You will be able to attend the Annual Meeting, vote, and submit your questions during the meeting via live audio-only webcast by visiting virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PGR2024. To participate in the Annual Meeting, you must have your 16-digit control number that is shown on your proxy card. You will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will be asked to:

- Elect as directors the 12 nominees identified in the attached Proxy Statement, each to serve for a term of one year;
- 2. Approve The Progressive Corporation 2024 Equity Incentive Plan;
- 3. Cast an advisory vote to approve our executive compensation program;
- 4. Ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2024;
- 5. Act on a shareholder proposal, if properly presented; and
- 6. Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The foregoing items of business are described more fully in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice. Only shareholders of record of The Progressive Corporation at the close of business on March 15, 2024, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to participate in the meeting via the live audio-only webcast, please vote by Internet or telephone (following the instructions on the enclosed proxy card), or by completing and returning the proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you later choose to revoke your proxy or change your vote, you may do so by following the procedures described in the Proxy Statement's "Questions and Answers about the Annual Meeting and Voting" section.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David M. Stringer, Secretary

March 25, 2024

The Proxy Statement and the 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders are also available at progressive proxy.com

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 25, 2024

To Progressive's shareholders:

Since 2020, Progressive has experienced very challenging business conditions resulting from the global pandemic, changing work patterns, global supply disruptions, and inflation, among other significant factors. In 2023, we continued to operate in a volatile environment. While our policies in force (PIFs) and net written premiums continued to grow significantly, our combined ratio, the commonly used measure of our profitability, came under pressure during the first part of the year. Progressive's core objective—to grow as fast as possible while preserving a 4% profit margin and serving customers well—demanded that quick and decisive actions be taken. The leadership team demonstrated great flexibility, cohesion, and grit in deciding what to do and executing well. Their efforts were successful. Despite disappointing profitability results in the first part of the year, the full year results met the guiding objectives, with companywide growth in PIFs and net written premiums of 9% and 20%, respectively, and a full year combined ratio of 94.9.

The Board of Directors is delighted not just with the results, which speak for themselves, but with the energy, optimism, and nimbleness displayed by the entire Progressive team during another challenging year.

I encourage you to read more about Progressive's extraordinary accomplishments in 2023 in the most recent letter from Progressive's Chief Executive Officer, Tricia Griffith, which accompanies our 2023 Annual Report. In addition to reviewing 2023 and sharing important information about Progressive's strategies and goals, Tricia's letter provides a window into Progressive's unique culture. We believe that culture not only supports the company's continuing efforts to attract, retain, and develop talented people, but is key to enabling all of Progressive's people to work together as a cohesive team to deliver exceptional results.

Continuing with the theme of culture, the Board continues to believe that Progressive's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts have been an important contributor to the company's performance. As Tricia explains in her letter, DEI at Progressive is about enabling every Progressive person to contribute fully, to connect and engage with their work and their colleagues, and to enjoy the vast professional opportunities that are available in Progressive's thriving business. We also believe it important, and differentiating, that Progressive rallies its people around well-defined common goals. including its Core Values and Purpose, its clearly defined profitability objective, and its annual Gainshare incentive program that is available to nearly every Progressive person. In challenging times such as 2023, our performance depends upon energizing all Progressive people to bring their unique capabilities to solve problems and execute on common business goals.

As a Board, we have regular opportunities to engage with Progressive's employees, including interaction with members of the employee resource groups, advisory councils, development programs, and leaders. We leave these interactions impressed with the caliber of Progressive people and the level of engagement, ownership, and pride they project in their work, culture, and organization. We have great confidence not just that Progressive's current leaders are focused on the right priorities, but that Progressive is investing wisely in building tomorrow's leaders. And while Progressive looks at engagement scores internally as its measure of workplace success, we believe the company's many workplace awards are a testament to its leading position as an employer of choice.

To ensure this extraordinary talent is well focused on delivering value to stakeholders, the Board also continues to be highly engaged in overseeing Progressive's business strategy and risk management. The Board recognizes its role and ongoing commitment to strong corporate governance practices, which we believe enhance long-term shareholder value. The Board, through its committees, oversees the company's financial reporting, investment activities, technology and cybersecurity risks, and environmental and social considerations. The committees receive regular updates regarding the changing regulatory landscape and we discuss related trends and opportunities both in committees and as a full Board. We continue to devote attention to climate-related challenges, and we regularly discuss with management climate change risk management broadly and Progressive's efforts toward carbon neutrality in particular.

Our Annual Meeting this year will be held virtually on May 10, 2024. We moved to virtual meetings during the pandemic and found it works well for our shareholders. We encourage you to attend. Even if you don't plan to attend the meeting, we hope you will review our proxy statement and vote your shares.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all of Progressive's over 61,000 employees for their coordinated and collaborative approach to challenges during 2023, and I thank you for your ongoing investment in The Progressive Corporation.

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Chairperson of the Board

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# THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION PROXY STATEMENT

# GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING PROXY MATERIALS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Board of Directors (Board) of The Progressive Corporation (NYSE:PGR) (Progressive or Company) provides this Proxy Statement to you to solicit your proxy to act upon the matters outlined in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, each described in more detail in this document.

The Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., eastern time, via a live audio-only webcast that is available at virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PGR2024. There will

be no physical meeting location and the meeting will only be conducted via the live audio-only webcast to allow for greater participation by all of our shareholders, regardless of their geographic location. Your proxy also may be voted at any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

The proxy card, this Proxy Statement, and Progressive's 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders will be mailed to shareholders beginning on or about March 25, 2024.

All proxies that are properly completed and submitted over the Internet or by telephone, and all properly executed written proxies, will be voted at the meeting in accordance with the directions given by the shareholder, unless the shareholder properly revokes their proxy before voting occurs at the meeting. If a shareholder executes and delivers their proxy card without directions on how to vote their shares, then the shares represented by the proxy card will be voted as recommended by the Board.

Only shareholders of record of The Progressive Corporation's common shares, \$1.00 par value, at the close of business on March 15, 2024, the record date, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. Each shareholder on the record date is entitled to one vote for each of our common shares held by the shareholder. On the record date, we had 585,698,431 common shares outstanding.

For additional information regarding the proxy materials and the Annual Meeting, see "Questions and Answers about the Annual Meeting and Voting" in this Proxy Statement.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRONGLY ENCOURAGES YOU TO VOTE YOUR SHARES BY PROXY PRIOR TO THE MEETING. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE FOLLOW THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SHARES ARE VOTED APPROPRIATELY.

#### PROXY STATEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information contained in this Proxy Statement and includes a summary of our 2023 business performance and various business strategies. This summary also discusses our approach to environmental, social, and governance (ESG), human capital management, and stakeholder engagement efforts.

The Proxy Statement Summary does not contain all of the information you should consider when voting your shares. *Please read the entire Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Shareholders carefully before voting.* For additional information about how to vote your shares, including voting options and standards, see "Questions and Answers about the Annual Meeting and Voting" in this Proxy Statement.

#### **VOTING MATTERS AND BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

Item Number	Voting Matter	Board Recommendation
1	Elect as directors the 12 nominees identified in this Proxy Statement, each to serve for a term of one year	FOR each nominee
2	Approve The Progressive Corporation 2024 Equity Incentive Plan	FOR
3	Cast an advisory vote to approve our executive compensation program	FOR
4	Ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2024	FOR
5	Act on a shareholder proposal, if properly presented	AGAINST

#### PROGRESSIVE AT A GLANCE

The Progressive insurance organization has been offering insurance to consumers since 1937. We are the second largest private passenger auto insurer in the country, the number one writer of commercial auto insurance, and the 10<sup>th</sup> largest homeowners insurance carrier, in each case, based on 2022 premiums written.

As our name implies, we were founded on the principle of moving forward, taking new risks, and learning and growing together. As we look to the future, we are arounded in our four cornerstones.

#### **OUR CORE VALUES: Who we are**

Progressive's Core Values—Integrity, Golden Rule, Objectives, Excellence, and Profit—serve as the foundation for our culture. They represent our values, guide our decisions, and define how we conduct our business and interact with others.

- Integrity: We revere honesty and adhere to high ethical standards to gain the trust and confidence of our customers. We value transparency, encourage disclosing bad news, and welcome disagreement.
- Golden Rule: We value and respect our differences, act with kindness and caring, and treat others as they want to be treated.

- Objectives: We set ambitious goals and evaluate our performance by measuring what we achieve and how we achieve it. We're committed to an inclusive and equitable workplace where rewards and promotion are based on results and ability.
- Excellence: We strive to meet or exceed the expectations of our teammates, customers, partners, and investors by continuously improving and finding new ways to meet their needs.
- Profit: We have a responsibility to ourselves, our customers, agents, and investors to be a profitable and enduring company by offering products and services consumers value.

#### OUR PURPOSE: Why we're here

Progressive exists to help people move forward and live fully.

#### **OUR VISION: Where we're headed**

Our Vision is to become consumers', agents', and business owners' #1 destination for insurance and other financial needs.

#### **OUR STRATEGY: How we'll get there**

We will achieve our vision through four Strategic Pillars: 1) People and Culture; 2) Broad Needs of our Customers; 3) Leading Brand; and 4) Competitive Prices.

#### 2023 BUSINESS PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

As a property-casualty insurance company, we have earnings streams from both underwriting activity and investment activity. During 2023, we wrote \$10.5 billion more in net premiums and added 2.3 million policies in force, compared to 2022, to end the year at \$61.6 billion in net premiums written and 29.7 million policies in force. Despite the uncertainty and challenges we faced head on in 2023, we ended the year with an underwriting profit margin of 5.1% (exceeding our companywide profitability target of 4%), or \$3.0 billion of pretax underwriting profit, compared to 4.2%, or \$2.1 billion, for 2022. The increase over the prior year was primarily driven by significant rate increases, decreased advertising spend, and other non-rate actions taken to focus on profitable growth, partially offset by higher loss severity and unfavorable prior-year development.

Our fixed-maturity securities, which comprised 91.5% of our investment portfolio at fair value as of December 31, 2023, contributed to the \$1.9 billion of recurring investment income earned in 2023, with fixed-maturity securities contributing a nearly 60% increase from the prior year, reflecting increases in interest rates and growth in the portfolio. During 2023, the changes in the market value of our fixed-maturity securities, which are a component of comprehensive income, increased \$1.2 billion, after tax, due to lower interest rates and tighter credit spreads. The change in value of our equity and hybrid securities, which are reported as a component of our net income, increased by \$1.9 billion during the year, and reflected general

market conditions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, our fully taxable equivalent total return on our investment portfolio was 6.3%.

During 2023, we declared aggregate dividends of \$1.15 per common share to our shareholders, including our \$0.75 per common share annual dividend and our \$0.10 per common share quarterly dividends, and repurchased 1.0 million of our common shares at an average cost of \$140.97 per common share. We ended 2023 with \$27.2 billion of total capital and a debt-to-total capital ratio of 25.4%.

Following are a few key performance metrics for 2023:

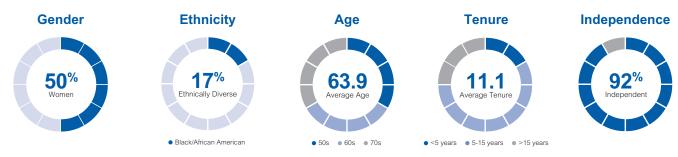
Net premiums written growth	20%
Policies in force growth	9%
Combined ratio	94.9
Underwriting profit margin	5.1%
Returns on average common shareholders' equity:	
Net income	22.9%
Comprehensive income	30.0%
Net income	\$3.9 billion
Net income per common share	\$6.58
Declared common shareholder dividends	\$0.7 billion
Repurchased common shares	\$0.1 billion

We encourage you to review our Annual Report to Shareholders for additional information on our 2023 performance and our financial results.

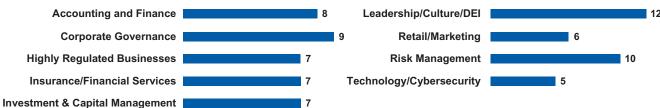
#### **NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR**

The Board has nominated 12 directors, each of whom is a current director, with a broad and complementary set of skills, experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives.

#### **Diversity**



#### **Skills and Experiences**



### **Director Nominees Summary**



**SUSAN PATRICIA GRIFFITH, 59** President and Chief Executive

Officer, The Progressive Corporation

Director Since: 2016 Committees: E



**LAWTON W. FITT, 70** 

Chairperson of the Board, The Progressive Corporation; Retired Partner, Goldman Sachs Group (financial services)

Director Since: 2009 Committees: E, I&C, N&G



**DANELLE M. BARRETT, 56** Retired Rear Admiral

United States Navy (military)

Director Since: 2023 Committees: T



**PHILIP BLESER, 69** Retired Chairman of Global Corporate Banking, JPMorgan Chase & Co. (financial services)

Director Since: 2017

Committees: A (FE), N&G



STUART B. BURGDOERFER, 60 Retired Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer. L Brands, Inc. (retailing)

Director Since: 2009 Committees: A (FE), T



PAMELA J. CRAIG, 67

Retired Chief Financial Officer, Accenture PLC (global management consulting)

Director Since: 2018 Committees: C&T, T



**CHARLES A. DAVIS, 75** 

Chief Executive Officer, Stone Point Capital LLC (private equity investing)

Director Since: 1996 Committees: I&C



ROGER N. FARAH, 71

Retired Executive Director, Tory Burch LLC (retailing)

Director Since: 2008 Committees: C&T, E, N&G



**DEVIN C. JOHNSON, 50** President, The SpringHill

Company (global consumer and entertainment)

Director Since: 2020 Committees: T



**JEFFREY D. KELLY, 70** 

Retired Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (reinsurance services)

Director Since: 2012 Prior Service: 2000-2009 Committees: A (FE)

Director Since: 2014



**BARBARA R. SNYDER, 68** 

President. The Association of American Universities (higher education)

Committees: C&T



**KAHINA VAN DYKE, 52** 

Operating Partner, Advent International (private

equity)

Director Since: 2018 Committees: I&C, T

### **Committee Key**

Audit Committee

C&T Compensation & Talent Committee

**Executive Committee** 

I&C Investment & Capital

Committee

Nominating & Governance Committee **Technology Committee** 

Chair

FΕ Financial Expert

(IND)

Independent

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Corporate Governance Practices**

We are committed to meeting high standards of ethical behavior, corporate governance, and business conduct. Some of our corporate governance practices include:

Effective Structure and Composition		Ad	ditional Practices and Policies	Shareholder Rights			
✓	Independent, experienced Chairperson	✓	Robust director stock ownership guidelines	✓	Single class voting		
✓	Independent committee leadership and strong independent committee membership	✓	Established Board and committee risk oversight practices	✓	Annual election of all directors		
✓	A diverse and highly qualified Board	✓	Board technology/cybersecurity expertise and oversight	✓	Majority voting in uncontested director elections		
1	Five new directors in the last six years (including four current directors), four of whom are women and two of whom are ethnically diverse	1	ESG (including climate change) oversight and reporting	✓	Proxy access available		
✓	Mandatory director retirement policy (no exemptions or waivers within the past three years)	✓	Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) oversight and reporting	✓	No poison pill		
✓	Independent directors meet regularly without management	✓	Ongoing director education				
✓	Restrictions limiting the number of public company boards on which a director may serve	✓	Annual Board and committee evaluation process				

#### **Board Risk Oversight**

The Board is ultimately responsible for overseeing our risk profile and risk management processes. To facilitate these responsibilities, the Board assigns certain risk oversight responsibilities to each of its main committees through each committee's charter. The committees continue to undertake the increasingly detailed oversight work for which they are responsible, to interact with and oversee management, and to report back significant matters to the full Board. A more detailed discussion of this oversight function is contained in the "Board Risk Oversight" section of this Proxy Statement.

### **Board of Directors**

#### **Audit** Committee

- Financial statements
- Financial controls
- Internal & external auditing
- External reporting
- Enterprise risk management program and Management Risk Committee
- Major risk exposures not covered by another committee

#### Compensation and **Talent Committee**

- Companywide compensation plans & programs
- Executive officer compensation
- Various clawback/recoupment provisions
- Director compensation

#### Investment and **Capital Committee**

- Investment operations
- Capital plan & structure
- Strategic investments

#### Nominating and **Governance Committee**

- Corporate governance
- Board composition
- Succession planning
- Public policy activities Stakeholder concerns
- ESG activities, including climate change

#### **Technology** Committee

- Use of technology in executing the company's business strategies
- Data privacy
- Cybersecurity

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainability and ESG initiatives have been an integral part of the company's business. Our Core Values are a cornerstone of our business and, as such, are the tenets of these initiatives and have evolved naturally as we work to not only grow our business, but also to support our customers, community, and employees.

#### The Board's Approach

The Board and its committees oversee the assessment and management of various sustainability and ESG matters. In their oversight role, our directors ask questions, probe our thinking, provide strategic input, and give guidance informed by their diverse skills and experiences. The following chart highlights some of our Board's involvement with these matters.

#### **Audit Committee**

- Oversees our risk management programs, which address operating results and reinsurance programs, each of which may be impacted by climate change
- Oversees the independent attestation of our Scope 1 and 2 location-based greenhouse gas emissions related to our carbon neutrality goal

#### **Compensation and Talent Committee**

- · Approves overall compensation strategy
- · Reviews Say on Pay vote results
- · Oversees our DEI efforts

#### Nominating and Governance Committee

- Oversees our ESG activities, including climate change
- · Oversees political spending & reporting
- · Oversees shareholder engagement efforts

#### **Technology Committee**

- Oversees data privacy and our cybersecurity program
- Reviews talent assessments and workforce strategies in the IT group

#### **Our Sustainability Efforts**

At Progressive, we aim to take a forward-looking approach to everything we do, from the products we offer to the way we interact with the world around us. We work to drive sustainable change for our shareholders, employees, independent agents, communities, and the millions of customers who trust us to protect what is important to them. As our efforts evolve with the world around us, we expect to adapt our sustainability reporting.

Our most recent Corporate Sustainability Report was prepared with guidance from the Nominating and Governance Committee, our executive leadership, and various subject matter experts. The report was informed

by elements from various reporting frameworks, namely the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) and the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD), and includes indices to each of these reporting frameworks. The report provides information regarding our philosophy and practices on a number of topics, including:

#### Corporate governance

 Board oversight, risk management (including climate change), sustainability in our investment portfolio, purchasing/procurement, data privacy, and cybersecurity

#### Human capital management

· Overall strategy, DEI, and pay equity

#### Social capital

 Employee-driven social responsibility, community initiatives, public advocacy, and public policy efforts

#### **Environment**

 Climate change, environment stewardship, and energy and carbon emissions management (including Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions reduction efforts)

To review our most recent Corporate Sustainability Report, please visit our sustainability site at investors.progressive.com/sustainability-reports. The report and any other information on the sustainability site are not incorporated by reference in, and do not form part of, this Proxy Statement or any other SEC filing.

#### **Spotlight on Environmental Stewardship**

We continue to make increasing efforts to reduce carbon emissions and operate efficiently in all aspects of our business. We report our environmental efforts to inform our stakeholders of the efforts we are making, the initiatives and steps taken, and the forward movement on our commitments. We continue to advance our environmental stewardship efforts by seeking investments in green energy usage for our facilities, exploring opportunities to shift toward a lower-emissions vehicle fleet, and reducing paper correspondence with our customers. We believe that if we can yield positive environmental results from our business operations, we can create a sustainable business in line with our Core Values.

As we look forward to the future, we are excited to continue to be responsible environmental stewards. We have an aspirational **goal of carbon neutrality by the end of 2025 for Scopes 1 and 2,** which we believe will help set the path to net-zero in the following decade. To enhance our accountability, we engaged an independent third party to provide limited assurance on our Scope 1 and Scope 2 location-based greenhouse gas emissions reporting.

#### **HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

We believe that our people and our culture remain our most significant competitive advantage, and that having the right people working together in the right way is critical to driving our results, building our enduring business, and creating long-term shareholder value. Our culture is deeply rooted in our Core Values and is the foundation for our human capital management strategies to attract, hire, engage, and retain highly qualified employees.

#### **Our People**

We believe that our culture and continued success has enabled us to create a workplace comprised of highly talented people across diverse markets and with a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.

Attract and Hire practices with a goal of developing qualified and deep candidate pools and attracting candidates from both established and new sources. We believe that our recruitment efforts generally have enabled us to present diverse and high-potential pools of job candidates to our hiring managers. In turn, we train our hiring managers about identifying and avoiding unconscious biases they may have during the interview and selection process and the importance of employing individuals with different kinds of experiences and backgrounds. We believe these strategies collectively enhance our applicant pools and contribute to our continued success.

Engage and Retain We understand that engaged employees are more productive, provide better service to our customers, and are more likely to stay with Progressive. Each year, we survey our people to measure their engagement. We use the results, along with other information, to evaluate our human capital strategies and the health of our culture.

Employee retention is an important part of our strategy. Promoting from within is also a key part of our strategy. Many of our leaders, including most current executive team members, joined Progressive in a more junior position and advanced to significant leadership positions within the organization.

<u>Demographic Data</u> We publish employee and manager demographic information on our website and update this data on an annual basis. We also disclose our consolidated EEO-1 data online.

As of December 31, 2023, we had about 61,400 employees, of which 60% were women and 41% were people of color. We also had about 1,100 senior leaders, of whom 40% were women and 18% were people of color.

#### **Supporting our People and Culture**

We strive to support our employees by providing challenging work experiences, career opportunities, and a culture of learning. We are focused on coaching and development, which we believe promotes greater engagement in our business and improved individual performance.

<u>Training and Development</u> We actively foster a learning culture and offer several leadership development programs, including our Multicultural Leadership Development Program. Moreover, our personal development strategy, "Career Central," encourages employees to take control of their careers through teambuilding exercises, coaching techniques, and communication strategies. Available to new and tenured employees, our learning solutions are tailored to both individual contributors and leaders and cover a broad swath of skills and competencies.

ERGs Over a decade ago, our first Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) were created to help build communities for our employees with common backgrounds, life experiences, interests, or professional goals. We believe that our ERGs support the creation of a space for networking, understanding differences, and sharing experiences. In the time since their inception, our nine ERGs have grown in both influence and size with 44% of Progressive people belonging to at least one of the following ERGs as of December 31, 2023:

- Asian American Network
- Disabilities Awareness Network
- LGBTQ+ Network
- Military Network
- Network for Empowering Women
- Parent Connection
- Progressive African American Network
- Progressive Latin American Networking Association
- Young Professionals Network

Compensation and Benefits As part of employee compensation, nearly all Progressive people participate in our annual cash incentive program, named Gainshare, which measures the growth and profitability of our insurance businesses. We believe Gainshare contributes to the cooperative and collaborative way we work together and, in part, defines our culture. We also monitor overall pay equity among employees with similar performance, experience, and job responsibilities, and publish the results annually on our DEI website. Additionally, our employee benefits are intended to be competitive and to support the needs of our people and their families. We invest in physical, emotional, and financial health of Progressive people by providing a broad range of benefits. For example, during 2023, we

expanded our benefits for entry level employees to include a lower-cost health insurance plan which retains the same level of benefits as comparable regular-priced plans.

#### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We believe that in order to be consumers', agents', and business owners' number one destination for insurance and other financial needs, we need to anticipate and understand the needs of our customers. Therefore, we seek to be diverse in our employee demographics, experiences, and perspectives.

Our commitment to diversity starts at the top with our highly skilled and diverse Board, as discussed above. We are one of the few public companies with a female Chief Executive Officer (CEO), as well as a female independent Board Chairperson. Our DEI efforts are overseen by our Compensation and Talent Committee on behalf of the entire Board, and those efforts are implemented at all levels of the organization.

For Progressive, DEI is not just a program, initiative, or singular goal. We take a holistic approach to DEI guided by four primary objectives, which have been in place for several years:

- To maintain a fair and inclusive work environment
- · To reflect the customers we serve
- For our leaders to reflect the people they lead
- To contribute to our communities

A few years ago, for instance, we introduced an ambitious aspiration to double the representation of people of color in senior leadership from 10% to 20% by the end of 2025. We set this aspiration to challenge ourselves to reach far and wide to attract diverse, highly qualified applicant pools when recruiting opportunities arose, to invest broadly in developing our internal talent, and to help measure the success of these efforts. During 2023, representation of people of color in senior leadership increased from 17% to 18%.

We're committed to creating an environment where all our people feel welcomed, valued, and respected, and we integrate DEI into our workplace. This includes hosting regular Inclusion Quarterly events which feature a series of speakers, discussion groups, and storytelling focused on the themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We also have DEI leadership job objectives for our executive team and managers aimed at fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace.

Moreover, we support efforts to contribute to our communities, through our Keys to Progress® programs (which include providing vehicles to veterans and furnishing homes for individuals emerging from homelessness), our various education and engagement efforts, and our financial contributions to various community organizations.

For over 20 years, we have also contributed to The Progressive Insurance Foundation, which provided matching funds to eligible 501(c)(3) charitable organizations to which employees contributed. To more broadly represent our employees and their communities, in 2020. The Progressive Insurance Foundation began funding national charitable organizations identified by our ERGs. Beginning in mid-2022, in lieu of matching funds and through the Name Your Cause® program, each employee can recommend an eligible charity to receive a fixed amount of the Foundation's charitable giving without requiring the employee to make an out-of-pocket donation. This is the Foundation's way of supporting more causes and reaching more communities across the country where Progressive's people, and its customers, live and work.

We know we still have much more work to do, but we are committed to these efforts. To learn more visit our DEI site at

progressive.com/about/diversity-and-inclusion. The information on the DEI site is not incorporated by reference in, and does not form part of, this Proxy Statement or any other SEC filing.

See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Elements of Compensation – The Role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" for more information.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION HIGHLIGHTS**

We believe that our executive compensation program has been a critical component of our strong operating results and, in turn, shareholder returns in recent years. We generally provide target compensation to our executives at or below the market median, with performance-based compensation providing upside potential when we perform well against pre-established and objective measures. In addition. we provide a significant percentage of total compensation to executives in the form of performance-based equity awards. In furtherance of our long-standing goal to grow as fast as we can at a 96 or better combined ratio while continuing to deliver high-quality customer service, we use the combined ratio as a performance measure in several compensation elements.

We believe that the overall structure of our executive compensation program supports a strong pay-for-performance linkage and aligns the interests of our executives with those of our shareholders. For example, during the past five years:

 We grew faster than the markets for the insurance business lines we measure, resulting in the related vesting of the performance-based restricted stock unit awards above target;

- We achieved above-market longer-term fixedincome portfolio performance, resulting in the vesting of the performance-based restricted stock unit awards that reflect our investment results above target; and
- Our Gainshare program paid out an average of 162% of target based on the growth in average policies in force and profitability of our insurance businesses (for 2023, it paid out at 178% of target).

Our executive compensation program is overseen by the Compensation and Talent Committee of the Board.

The Committee's decisions are made after considering third-party compensation data for comparable companies, internal analyses, and recommendations presented by management. The executive compensation decisions for executive officers generally represent the culmination of extensive analysis and discussion, which typically take place over the course of multiple committee meetings and in meetings between the committee and management, including our CEO, our Chief Human Resources Officer, members of our compensation and law departments, and sometimes compensation consultants.

Our executive compensation program has a number of important structural features and guiding policies. Below are the executive compensation practices we follow:

#### What We DO Have

- ✓ Independent Compensation and Talent Committee that establishes compensation for executive officers
- Heavy weighting of at-risk "pay for performance" compensation
- Typically below market base salary with opportunity to exceed median with strong performance
- ✓ Stock ownership guidelines
- Clawback/forfeiture provisions (including restatements and reputational harm) and a separate Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy
- ✓ DEI-related goal embedded into each executive officer's job objectives, which factors into setting overall annual target compensation

#### What We DON'T Have

- **x** Employment agreements
- Guaranteed salary increases or bonuses
- ✗ Hedging/pledging of our stock
- "Timing" of equity awards
- X Single-trigger change in control benefits
- Pension plan or supplemental retirement benefits provided to executives

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We seek to provide transparency into our business, our performance, our strategic priorities, our governance practices, and how our Core Values guide our decisions and support our culture. We share information with our stakeholders in a variety of ways, including monthly earnings releases, quarterly investor calls, annual shareholder meetings, quarterly letters from our CEO, and annual letters from our Chairperson of the Board.

We recognize the value in maintaining open lines of communication with our stakeholders and engage with our stakeholders throughout the year to:

- provide visibility and transparency into our business, our performance, and our corporate governance, ESG, and compensation practices;
- discuss with our investors the issues that are important to them, hear their expectations for us, and share our views; and
- assess emerging issues that may affect our business, inform our decision making, and enhance our corporate disclosures.

#### **ITEM 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Code of Regulations establishes the number of directors at no fewer than five and no more than 13. The number of directors has been fixed at 12, and there are currently 12 directors on the Board. As stated in our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Board may change the size of the Board from time to time depending on its needs and the availability of qualified candidates. In this proposal, we are asking shareholders to elect as directors the 12 nominees named below.

Each director elected will serve a one-year term and until their successor is duly elected. If, by reason of death or other unexpected occurrence, any one or more of the nominees named below is not available for election, the proxies will be voted for substitute nominee(s), if any, as the Board may propose. In the alternative, the Board may decide to reduce the size of the Board prior to the 2024 Annual Meeting or fill the vacancy at a later date. (The deadlines for shareholders to nominate one or more individuals for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting have passed.)

#### NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

Based upon a recommendation from the Board's Nominating and Governance Committee, the Board has nominated the following persons for election to the Board:

- Danelle M. Barrett
- Philip Bleser
- Stuart B. Burgdoerfer
- · Pamela J. Craig
- · Charles A. Davis
- Roger N. Farah
- Lawton W. Fitt
- Susan Patricia Griffith
- Devin C. Johnson
- Jeffrey D. Kelly
- · Barbara R. Snyder
- Kahina Van Dyke

Information regarding the nominees can be found below under "— Director Nominee Highlights" and "— Director Nominee Information."

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each nominee.

#### **DIRECTOR NOMINEE SELECTION PROCESS**

The Board is responsible for recommending director candidates for election by the shareholders and for electing directors to fill vacancies or newly created directorships. The Board has delegated the screening and evaluation process for director candidates to the Nominating and Governance Committee, which

identifies, evaluates, and recruits highly qualified director candidates and recommends them to the Board.

#### Qualifications, Experiences, and Skills

The Nominating and Governance Committee evaluates each director candidate individually when considering whether the candidate should be nominated to serve on the Board. The committee will give due consideration to factors deemed relevant by the committee or the Board, including whether the candidate possesses the general qualities required to serve successfully as a director, including: intelligence, thoughtfulness, diligence, judgment, character, and commitment.

The committee reviews the candidate's relevant experiences, the extent of their demonstrated excellence and success in their chosen career and the specific attributes, skills, talents, or knowledge the candidate would be expected to add to the Board.

In addition to the qualifications that each director nominee must have, the Board believes that one or more of its Board members should possess the following experiences and expertise because of their particular relevance to the company's business, strategy, and structure. These experiences and expertise were considered by the committee in connection with this year's director nomination process:

- Accounting & Finance
- Corporate Governance
- · Highly Regulated Businesses
- Insurance/Financial Services
- Investment & Capital Management
- Leadership/Culture/DEI
- Retail/Marketing
- · Risk Management
- Technology/Cybersecurity

The committee also considers the company's and the Board's needs, the qualifications of other available candidates, and how the addition of the candidate to, or the continued service on, the Board would enhance the Board's overall diversity and capabilities.

#### **Diversity**

The Board's policy is to include individuals with a wide variety of tenure, talents, skills, experiences, and perspectives, in addition to considering demographic criteria such as race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, nationality, age, and disability, whenever possible. The directors believe that such diversity provides the Board with broader perspectives, a wide array of thoughts and ideas, and insight into the views and priorities of our diverse investor, customer, independent agent, and employee bases.

The committee's work in recruiting new members will continue to reflect their commitment to achieve such diversity. To evaluate the impact of the addition of a candidate on the diversity of the Board, the committee considers how distinct the candidate's background, experiences, skills, and personal characteristics are from those of the incumbent directors and whether the candidate would bring a unique perspective to the Board. The committee assesses the effectiveness of its practices for consideration of diversity in nominating director candidates by periodically analyzing the diversity of the Board as a whole and, based on that analysis, determining whether it may be desirable to add to the Board a director with a certain type of background, talent, experience, personal characteristic, skill, or a combination thereof.

#### **Other Public Company Board Commitments**

The Board expects that each director will devote sufficient time and effort as necessary to serve as a director and as a member of the Board's committee(s) to which the director may be assigned.

Therefore, in accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines:

- directors that are actively involved in an executive capacity with the company or another publicly held company can sit on no more than two public companies' boards in addition to the company (excluding subsidiaries or companies in which the director's employer holds an investment); and
- directors that are not actively involved in management of the company or another company (including a non-executive board chairperson) can sit on no more than four public companies' boards in addition to the company.

Director commitment levels, including public company board leadership positions, are reviewed at least annually to confirm that each director has sufficient time to perform their duties. All directors are compliant with this expectation at this time.

#### **DIRECTOR NOMINEE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Director Nominee Diversity**

We are one of a few companies in the Fortune 500 with a female CEO, as well as a female independent Board chairperson. The nominees include a diverse mix of directors.

50%

Women

**17%** 

Ethnically Diverse 63.9

Average Age

11.1

Average Tenure 92%

Independent

#### **Director Nominee Experiences, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills**

The Board believes that it is desirable that the following experiences, qualifications, attributes, and skills be possessed by one or more of its Board members because of their particular relevance to the company's business and structure, and these were all considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee in connection with this year's director nomination process:



















	Accounting & Finance	Corporate Governance	Highly Regulated Businesses	Insurance/ Financial Services	& Capital	Leadership/ t Culture/DEI I	Retail/ Marketing	Risk Managemer	Technology/ nt Cybersecurity
Danelle M. Barrett		•	•			•		•	•
Philip Bleser	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	•	•			•	•	•	•	
Pamela J. Craig	•	•			•	•		•	•
Charles A. Davis	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Roger N. Farah	•	•				•	•	•	
Lawton W. Fitt	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Susan Patricia Griffith		•	•	•		•	•	•	
Devin C. Johnson	•					•	•		•
Jeffrey D. Kelly	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Barbara R. Snyder			•	•		•		•	•
Kahina Van Dyke				•	•	•	•		•

#### **DIRECTOR NOMINEE INFORMATION**

The following information is provided for each nominee and includes descriptions of each nominee's specific experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills that led the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board to conclude that the nominee should serve on the Board. Unless otherwise indicated, each nominee has held the principal occupation indicated for more than five years. Current directorships and former directorships (held during the last five years) at other public companies are also shown. The term of each current director expires at the Annual Meeting.

#### Name (Age)

#### Principal Occupation, Business Experience, and Qualifications

Other Directorships

Danelle M. Barrett (56)

Director since: 2023



U.S. Navy, Rear Admiral, Retired; Cybersecurity Division Director and Deputy Chief Information Officer (military)

Prior to retiring, Rear Admiral Barrett served in leadership positions with the U.S. Navy for 30 years. She most recently served as the Navy Cybersecurity Division Director and Deputy Chief Information Officer on the Chief of Naval Operations staff from 2017 to 2019. In this role, she led the U.S. Navy's strategic development and execution of digital and cybersecurity efforts, including key enterprise information technology modernization improvements to enhance warfighting and business operations. Rear Admiral Barrett also held several prior leadership positions. including Director of Current Operations at the U.S. Cyber Command and the Chief of Staff at the Navy Information Forces Command. She received her commission as an officer from the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. She has several advanced degrees in national security strategic studies, information management, and human capital management, among others. In addition to her current and past service as a director of two public companies, including serving as a member of their compensation and governance committees, Rear Admiral Barrett brings to the Board extensive leadership and operational experiences in complex cybersecurity matters. digital modernization and innovation, information technology systems, technology risk management, and strategic assessment, planning, and implementation.

Current ShoulderUp Technology Acquisition Corp

Former KVH Industries, Inc.

#### Key Skills:



Corporate Governance



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Technology/Cybersecurity



Highly Regulated Businesses



Risk Management

Philip Bleser (69)

Director since: 2017



Retired; Chairman of Global Corporate Banking, JPMorgan Chase & Co., New York, New York (financial services)

Prior to retiring in 2016, Mr. Bleser served on the executive leadership team at JPMorgan Chase, a preeminent commercial bank and financial services company, where he led the firm's global corporate banking efforts. In these roles, Mr. Bleser's responsibilities included, among others, strategic direction and execution, risk management, and operations of a global technology- and customer-driven corporate banking operation. Mr. Bleser also previously served on the board of a specialty retail company, enhancing his experience in the areas of public company governance and the operations of its audit and governance committees, as well as deepening his understanding of a consumer-facing retail business. In addition to these financial and operational roles, Mr. Bleser has earned a climate leadership certificate, enhancing the Board's oversight of climate risks and sustainable growth strategies.

Current None

Former Francesca's Holding Corp.

#### Key Skills:

Accounting & Finance



Corporate Governance



Highly Regulated Businesses



Insurance/Financial Services



**Investment & Capital Management** 



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Retail/Marketing



Risk Management

Stuart B. Burgdoerfer (60)

Director since: 2009



Retired; Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, L Brands, Inc., Columbus, Ohio (retailing) prior to August 2021; Interim Chief Executive Officer of VS NewCo (retailing) from May 2020 to February 2021 Current None

Former None

Mr. Burgdoerfer's experience includes work as a CPA at Deloitte, as a management consultant and in financial leadership roles at PepsiCo/YUM Brands subsidiary Pizza Hut, and as Senior Vice President of Finance at The Home Depot. He was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of L Brands from April 2007 through August 2021, and served from May 2020 through February 2021 as Interim Chief Executive Officer of L Brand's subsidiary Victoria's Secret (VS NewCo), expanding his executive and leadership responsibilities at this global retail company. Mr. Burgdoerfer's experience also includes service as a member of the Board of Trustees at Spelman College. Mr. Burgdoerfer's substantial experience in leadership roles as a financial professional and senior executive also enhances the Board's financial expertise.

#### Key Skills:

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Accounting & Finance



Corporate Governance



Investment & Capital Management



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Retail/Marketing



Risk Management

Pamela J. Craig (67)

Director since: 2018



Retired; Chief Financial Officer, Accenture PLC, Dublin, Ireland (global management consulting)

Ms. Craig is the former Chief Financial Officer of the global professional services firm, Accenture PLC. Ms. Craig worked at Accenture for 34 years in a variety of consulting and executive roles, where she developed extensive finance, capital management, operational, enterprise risk management, and technology expertise, as well as leadership experience in the context of a large, growth-oriented organization. In addition, her current and past service as a director of Progressive and other public companies, including companies in the retail, technology services and security, and manufacturing industries, and as a member of other audit, compensation, governance, and corporate responsibility and sustainability committees, provide her with valuable experience in addressing the many risks and governance issues facing public companies.

Current Merck & Co., Inc. Corning Incorporated

Former
3M Company
Akamai
Technologies, Inc.

#### Key Skills:



Accounting & Finance



Investment & Capital Management



Risk Management



Corporate Governance



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Technology/Cybersecurity

Charles A. Davis (75)

Director since: 1996



Chief Executive Officer, Stone Point Capital LLC, Greenwich, Connecticut (private equity investing)

Mr. Davis has broad financial, investment, and capital management expertise developed through his work as a partner at Goldman Sachs Group, investment management experience at MMC Capital, Inc., and as Chief Executive Officer of Stone Point Capital LLC. Mr. Davis has extensive knowledge of Progressive's business and history, which he has gained through his service as a director of the company since 1996. From his decades of investment banking and private equity experiences, Mr. Davis has a deep understanding of the insurance industry, capital allocation, investment management, and strategic transactions. Additionally, he has substantial corporate governance and risk expertise from his service on the boards of other public and private companies, including in the reinsurance industry, and as a member of other finance and risk committees.

Current
AXIS Capital
Holdings Limited

Former The Hershey Company

#### Key Skills:

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Accounting & Finance



Highly Regulated Businesses



Investment & Capital Management



Risk Management



Corporate Governance



Insurance/Financial Services



Leadership/Culture/DEI

Roger N. Farah (71)

Director since: 2008



Retired; Executive Director, Tory Burch LLC, New York, New York (retailing)

Mr. Farah previously served in executive officer positions at Ralph Lauren Corporation and Tory Burch LLC and as a director at other public companies, primarily in the retail and health insurance industries. The extensive management and operational experience Mr. Farah has obtained through over 40 years in the retail industry enables him to provide insights, particularly in the areas of customer trends, product development, brand management, and risk analysis, from a consumer-focused industry that is different than the property and casualty insurance industry. Due to his current and past service as a director of other public companies, he also has significant experience addressing the risks and corporate governance issues facing public companies, including serving as a member of their compensation, governance, and corporate social responsibility committees.

Current CVS Health Corporation

Former Metro Bank PLC Tiffany & Co.

#### Key Skills:



Accounting & Finance



Corporate Governance



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Retail/Marketing



Risk Management

Lawton W. Fitt (70)

Director since: 2009



Chairperson of the Board, The Progressive Corporation, Mayfield Village, Ohio since May 2018; Lead Independent Director, Progressive, prior to May 2018; Retired Partner, Goldman Sachs Group, New York, New York (financial services)

Ms. Fitt brings a strong financial and corporate governance background to her service as Chairperson of our Board. She has substantial experience in the areas of investment banking, strategic transactions, risk analysis, including insight into the operation of capital markets, as a result of her work as a partner at Goldman Sachs Group. As our Chairperson, Ms. Fitt has a deep understanding of Progressive's culture, long-term strategic vision, and risk management processes. In addition, she attained executive management experience through her work as the Secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts in London. Ms. Fitt also has significant experience as a director at various other public, for-profit and non-profit organizations, including service on the audit, compensation, and governance committees of public companies.

Current Ciena
Corporation
The Carlyle
Group Inc.

Former Micro Focus International plc

#### Key Skills:



Accounting & Finance



Corporate Governance



Highly Regulated Businesses



Insurance/Financial Services



Investment & Capital Management



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Risk Management

Susan Patricia Griffith (59)

Director since: 2016



President and Chief Executive Officer, The Progressive Corporation, Mayfield Village, Ohio

Mrs. Griffith has been with the company since 1988 and has held a series of executive leadership positions, including Chief Executive Officer (since 2016), Chief Human Resource Officer, Claims Group President (in charge of the entire Claims organization), President of Customer Operations (overseeing the contact center (sales and delivery), customer experience. systems experience, and workforce management groups), and Personal Lines Chief Operating Officer, where she oversaw the Personal Lines, Claims, and Customer Relationship Management groups. Mrs. Griffith's intimate knowledge of Progressive and her leadership experience gives her a deep understanding of our culture, DEI efforts, operations, challenges, and opportunities. In addition to her extensive service with Progressive, Mrs. Griffith has enhanced her experience in the area of public company governance through her current and past service as a director of other public companies.

Current FedEx Corporation

Former None

#### Key Skills:



Corporate Governance



**Highly Regulated Businesses** 



Insurance/Financial Services



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Retail/Marketing



Risk Management

Devin C. Johnson (50)

Director since: 2020



President, The SpringHill Company (global consumer and entertainment) since March 2022; Chief Operating Officer, The SpringHill Company from April 2020 to March 2022; President and Chief Operating Officer, UNINTERRUPTED, LLC (entertainment and media) prior to April 2020

Current None

Former None

Mr. Johnson has broad executive management and operational experiences in digital and social media, brand creation and marketing, and content production, developed through his experience at The SpringHill Company and through prior executive roles at Tribune Media and NBCUniversal. Mr. Johnson has extensive leadership experience in marketing, understanding and applying consumer insights, media and content delivery in the consumer products arena, and start-up and business development. Through his roles as the President and Chief Operating Officer of The SpringHill Company and previously as the President of UNINTERRUPTED, LLC, he has gained expertise in creating culturally inspired brands, entertainment, and products.

Key Skills:



Accounting & Finance



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Retail/Marketing



Technology/Cybersecurity

Jeffrey D. Kelly (70)

Director since: 2012 Prior service: 2000-2009



Retired; Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., Pembroke, Bermuda (reinsurance services)

Former None

None

Current

Mr. Kelly brings a strong history of executive management, investment management, capital markets, financial, and operational experiences in the financial services industry. Among other responsibilities, he has served as the principal financial officer at a major commercial bank and a large publicly traded reinsurer. Mr. Kelly's experience on the Board also gives him insight into our insurance and investment operations. Due to his past roles at RenaissanceRe, Mr. Kelly also provides a different perspective about the insurance industry and understanding of reinsurance markets.

#### Key Skills:

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Accounting & Finance



Corporate Governance



Highly Regulated Businesses



Insurance/Financial Services



Investment & Capital Management



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Risk Management

Barbara R. Snyder (68)

Director since: 2014



President, The Association of American Universities (higher education) since October 2020; President, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, prior to October 2020

Ms. Snyder has extensive leadership experience as the President of The Association of American Universities (AAU), an organization composed of the country's leading research universities helping shape higher education policy. This extensive expertise was also previously gained as the President of Case Western Reserve University (Case) and in leadership positions she held at other non-profit and university organizations. Ms. Snyder has for many years been a member of the board of directors of a large publicly traded financial services company, where she serves on the compensation and governance committees. At Case, she led a revitalization of the school while overseeing enhancements of academic excellence, faculty collaboration, strategic planning, fundraising efforts, cybersecurity initiatives, and the qualifications and diversity of Case's student body. Her executive role at a leading university, and now the broader outlook that comes with the presidency of AAU, brings a unique perspective to our Board.

Current KeyCorp

Former None

#### Key Skills:



**Highly Regulated Businesses** 



Insurance/Financial Services



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Risk Management



Technology/Cybersecurity

Kahina Van Dyke (52)

Director since: 2018



Operating Partner, Advent International (private equity) since October 2023; Global Head, Digital Channels and Client Data Analytics, Standard Chartered PLC, London, England (international banking) from February 2020 through June 2023; Senior Vice President of Business and Corporate Development, Ripple Labs, Inc., San Francisco, California (global digital payments network) prior to December 2019

Current None

Former None

Ms. Van Dyke is an Operating Partner at Advent International, where she focuses on supporting Advent's fintech investment efforts and related portfolio company management teams. In her prior role at Standard Chartered's Corporate Commercial and Institutional Banking Division, she worked on developing a digital banking platform for global trade, commerce, and financial services. In previous roles at Ripple and Facebook, she was responsible for strategic partnerships and investments across the global financial and technology industries and working with external companies to develop and grow financial products and services. Prior to these roles, Ms. Van Dyke held senior international executive positions for more than 15 years in the global financial services industry. She is also the Founder and Chair of the Global Women Executive Leadership Council, a group that promotes leadership and peer mentoring for women in more than 70 countries. She brings to our Board extensive senior management experience in international consumer and corporate banking combined with leadership at a major technology company.

#### Key Skills:



Insurance/Financial Services



Leadership/Culture/DEI



Technology/Cybersecurity



Investment & Capital Management



Retail/Marketing

#### **VOTE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION**

Proxies cannot be voted at the Annual Meeting for a greater number of persons than the 12 nominees named in this Proxy Statement.

A nominee for director in an uncontested election will be elected as a director only if the nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, which is sometimes referred to as a majority voting standard. If the election for directors is contested (that is, there are more nominees than the number of director positions up for election), the majority voting standard does not apply, and the nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected (a plurality voting standard). The election of directors at this year's Annual Meeting is an uncontested election, so each nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast to be elected. Abstentions and unvoted shares (including broker non-votes) will not be considered as votes cast.

If an incumbent director is not elected by a majority of the votes cast in an uncontested election, the director is not automatically removed from the Board, but under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, they are expected to tender a resignation from the Board within 10 days after the certification of the shareholder vote. If that resignation is not made contingent on the Board's determination to accept or reject such resignation, the resignation will be effective immediately. If the resignation is contingent on Board action, the Nominating and Governance Committee will review the resignation and make a recommendation to the Board, and the Board will announce its determination about whether to accept or reject the resignation within 120 days from the certification of the shareholder vote. If a director is not elected by a majority of the votes cast, but fails to tender their resignation during the 10-day period after

certification, their term of office will expire automatically upon the expiration of the 10-day period. There have been no exceptions or waivers to this policy in the last three years.

If written notice is given by any shareholder to the President, a Vice President, or the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Annual Meeting that the shareholder desires the voting for election of directors be cumulative, and if an announcement of the giving of such notice is made at the meeting by the Chairperson or Secretary or by or on behalf of the shareholder giving such notice, each shareholder will have the right to cumulate their voting

power in the election of directors. Under cumulative voting, each shareholder may give one nominee a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected, multiplied by the number of shares the shareholder holds, or distribute such number of votes among the nominees, as the shareholder sees fit. If the enclosed proxy is executed and returned, or the shareholder submits their proxy by telephone or over the Internet, and voting for the election of directors is cumulative, the persons named as their proxies on the proxy card will have the authority to cumulate votes and to vote the shares represented by their proxy, and by other proxies held by them, so as to elect as many of the 12 nominees named above as possible.

#### OTHER BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDEPENDENCE DETERMINATIONS

We are required to have a majority of independent directors under New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) listing standards. The NYSE's listing standards prescribe specific independence tests and require the Board to make affirmative independence determinations regarding each of our directors. Accordingly, the Board has considered the independence of our current Board members. In conducting this review, the Board took into account each individual's current employment situation (if any) and other relationships that could impact the independence determination under NYSE listing standards, including certain transactions that took place in 2023 or are expected in 2024 between Progressive and companies with which the individual is affiliated. Specifically, the Board considered ordinary course transactions involving reinsurance, director's and officer's insurance, claims resolution and administration, agency commissions and administration, employee benefits and administration, data and software services,

and background checks for potential employees, among others. Based on this review, the Board determined that each of our current directors are independent under the NYSE listing standards, other than Mrs. Griffith, who is an executive officer of the company.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Lawton W. Fitt has been Chairperson of the Board since May 2018. Ms. Fitt is independent from management under NYSE listing standards, and she has substantial business experience and acumen, executive management experience, and additional experiences as a member of a number of public company boards. Ms. Fitt's deep understanding of our businesses and culture acquired as a Board and committee member, her demonstrated willingness to challenge management and the status quo, and her effective working relationship with Mrs. Griffith also contributed to the Board's decision to elect Ms. Fitt as Chairperson of the Board.

#### **BOARD RISK OVERSIGHT**

The Board is ultimately responsible for overseeing our risk profile and risk management processes. To facilitate these responsibilities, the Board assigns certain risk oversight to each of its main committees through each committee's charter. Annually, each committee reviews and reassesses the adequacy of its charter, and the Nominating and Governance Committee oversees the allocation of risk among the committees and makes appropriate recommendations to the Board. Each committee regularly reports to the full Board on the risks that it oversees.

#### **Audit Committee**

- Oversees risks relating to financial statements, financial controls, internal and external audit functions, and external reporting.
- Oversees our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program which is conducted by our Management Risk Committee (MRC) and the full Board receives an update at least annually.
   See "Risk Governance" below for more information.
- While the oversight of ERM and the MRC entails a broader focus than the other committees, the Audit Committee is not responsible for risks that are overseen by the other committees.

#### **Compensation and Talent Committee**

- Regularly reviews any major risks arising from our compensation plans and programs, and executive and director compensation decisions; oversees various clawback and recoupment provisions.
- Oversees several aspects of our human capital management strategies and our DEI efforts and related risks.

#### **Investment and Capital Committee**

- Oversees our investment policy, which is designed to enable us to meet our business and financial objectives with a reasonable balance among risk, return, and cost.
- Responsible for ensuring we have a capital plan that takes risk factors into consideration and
  ensuring risk is appropriately taken into consideration in connection with proposed strategic
  investments, including mergers and acquisitions.

#### Nominating and Governance Committee

- Responsible for overseeing and addressing risks relating to the Board's and the company's governance practices, stakeholder concerns, and environmental (including climate change) and social factors and initiatives impacting us.
- Coordinates efforts relating to succession planning of executives and directors, assesses the
  qualifications and diversity of directors, and makes recommendations to the Board on potential
  candidates for election to the Board.
- Monitors the risk allocation among the committees.

#### **Technology Committee**

- Oversees the company's technology and information security risks.
- Reviews the major risks arising from our technology, digital and data strategies, legacy systems, technology investments, data privacy, cybersecurity programs, and technology-related business continuity and disaster recovery programs.

The assignment of the Board's risk oversight function as described above enables the Board to function more effectively because the whole Board is required to focus only on those risk issues deemed most critical by the applicable committee. Further, the committees provide a deeper focus on overseeing management with respect to the full range of risks we confront. The Board's Chairperson, Ms. Fitt, consults with the committee Chairs, as necessary, to ensure that significant risk issues are brought to the attention of the full Board. Otherwise, the Board's administration of its risk oversight function has not affected the Board's leadership structure. Please see "— Board Committees" for additional information on each committee, including their responsibilities.

#### **RISK GOVERNANCE**

The company has a well-established risk governance process. The Board oversees, and our executive leadership maintains, the risk governance process with a view towards continuous improvement to identify, monitor, and manage current and emerging risks.

#### **ERM Program**

The Audit Committee oversees our ERM program, which includes climate change and our reinsurance programs. These responsibilities include the review of the guidelines, policies, and procedures that govern how we assess and manage our exposure to risk, and meeting periodically with management. This includes meeting with leaders and other representatives of the risk management department, compliance and ethics group, law department, internal audit, physical and information security group, external auditors, and other business units, as necessary, to review our major operational, financial, reputational, and other risk exposures, as well as the steps management has taken to identify, monitor, assess, and mitigate such exposures.

We believe that our ERM program supports Board oversight of the most significant risks facing the company and was established to ensure a companywide holistic approach to evaluating risk over five distinct but overlapping risk categories:

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Insurance	Risks associated with assuming, or indemnifying for, the losses or liabilities incurred by policyholders
Operating	Risks stemming from external or internal events or circumstances that directly or indirectly may affect our insurance operations
Market	Risks that may cause changes in the value of assets held in our investment portfolios
Liquidity	Risk that our financial condition will be adversely affected by the inability to meet our short-term cash, collateral, or other financial obligations
Credit and Other Financial	Risks that the other party to a transaction will fail to perform according to the terms of a contract, or that we will be unable to satisfy our obligations when due or obtain capital when necessary

Using this risk framework, we have defined our risk tolerances, identified roles and responsibilities for managing risk, and implemented a risk review and

reporting structure. We assess how these risks may affect our financial condition, cash flows, and results of operations, as well as our ability to achieve our business objectives.

Although our ERM program is mature and effective, we continuously work to improve the quality of the models we use and the processes we have in place to identify and quantify current and emerging risks.

#### **Management Risk Committee**

The purpose of the MRC is to coordinate our ERM program. Our ERM program is intended to maintain an effective process to identify, evaluate, mitigate, and report critical risk exposure information, including any significant gaps in our ability to manage risk, to executive management and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors at least annually. The MRC is comprised of senior members of management representing a variety of business units and functions and may also include other senior leaders with functional expertise. The MRC supports the organization with clearly defined accountabilities and a culture that supports risk-based decision making.

#### **Spotlight on Climate Change Risk Management**

As a property-casualty insurance company that operates our businesses throughout the United States, our success depends on our ability to underwrite and price risk accurately, which is subject to a number of risks, including those related to changes in the frequency, severity, duration, geographic location, and scope of severe weather events, which may be becoming more severe and less predictable as a result of climate change.

Our Nominating and Governance Committee oversees ESG matters, including climate change, on behalf of the Board. Additionally, the Audit Committee oversees our ERM program and, as part of that oversight, is kept apprised of certain operational risks such as climate change and our reinsurance programs. Our MRC coordinates our ERM program. In the MRC's annual risk assessment process, we attempt to evaluate the longer-term effects of climate change and attempt to evaluate the impact on capital, pricing, our customers, and investments.

#### Spotlight on Cybersecurity Risk Management

Our overall efforts to safeguard the systems and confidential information critical to our operations include preventative and detective internal processes, technological defenses, and other controls designed to provide multiple layers of security protection. This integrated approach to protect data and systems is also built into the company's project management, development, and operations.

Our Technology Committee oversees cybersecurity risk on behalf of the Board. Our Chief Security Officer (CSO) is ultimately responsible for cybersecurity at Progressive, with management oversight of the prevention, detection, mitigation, and remediation of cybersecurity incidents. The CSO reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer and provides regular cybersecurity updates to our CEO, other members of the executive team, and the Technology Committee. Our CSO is also a member of our MRC, which leads our ERM program, which results in cybersecurity risks remaining a focus of our overall risk management process.

### MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ATTENDANCE

During 2023, the Board held five meetings, pursuant to Ohio corporation law. All directors attended at least 75% of their scheduled Board and committee meetings during their committee tenure in 2023. Pursuant to our Corporate Governance Guidelines, directors are expected to attend our Annual Meeting of Shareholders whenever possible. Normally, a meeting of the Board is scheduled on the date of the Annual Meeting. Our 2023 Annual Meeting was attended by all of the current directors.

A copy of our Corporate Governance Guidelines can be found on our website at progressive.com/governance.

### MEETINGS OF THE NON-MANAGEMENT AND INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

Our non-management directors meet in executive session periodically throughout the year, typically at the conclusion of regularly scheduled Board meetings. In the event that the Chairperson is not available to lead the meetings of non-management directors, the presiding director would be chosen by the non-management directors in attendance. In 2023, under the lead of the Chairperson, the non-management directors met in executive session five times, and each meeting of the non-management directors also was a meeting of the independent directors.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board has named an Audit Committee, a Compensation and Talent Committee, an Investment and Capital Committee, a Nominating and Governance Committee, a Technology Committee, and an Executive Committee, as described below. The written charter for each of the committees (other than the Executive Committee, which does not have a charter) can be found on our website at progressive.com/governance.

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The following table summarizes the Board's current committee assignments:

Name	Audit	Compensation and Talent	Investment and Capital	Nominating and Governance	Technology	Executive
Danelle M. Barrett					<b>√</b>	
Philip Bleser	<b>√</b> *			1		
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	C*				1	
Pamela J. Craig		✓			С	
Charles A. Davis			С			
Roger N. Farah		С		✓		✓
Lawton W. Fitt			✓	С		✓
Susan Patricia Griffith						С
Devin C. Johnson					✓	
Jeffrey D. Kelly	✓*					
Barbara R. Snyder		✓				
Kahina Van Dyke			1		1	

- ✓ Member of the committee
- C Chair of the committee
- \* Audit Committee Financial Expert

#### **Audit Committee**

#### Members



Stuart B. Burgdoerfer
Chair



**Philip Bleser** 



Jeffrey D. Kelly

#### Meetings Held in 2023 10

#### Independence

The Board has determined that all members are independent (including the additional requirements for audit committee members).

### Financial Literacy/Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Board has determined that all members are financially literate and are each an Audit Committee Financial Expert, as that term is defined in the applicable SEC rules.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Ensuring that the organizational structure, policies, controls, and systems are in place to monitor and accurately report performance.
- Monitoring the integrity of our financial statements, our financial reporting processes, internal control over financial reporting, and the public release of financial information.
- Overseeing our compliance and ethics and risk management programs.
- Confirming the independence of, and the selection, appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the work of, our independent registered public accounting firms.
- Providing an independent channel to receive appropriate communications from employees, shareholders, auditors, legal counsel, bankers, consultants, and other interested parties.

Please see "Item 1: Election of Directors – Director Nominee Information" for disclosure of each member's relevant experience qualifying such member as an Audit Committee Financial Expert. See also the "Report of the Audit Committee," "Item 4: Proposal to Ratify the Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2024," and "Other Independent Public Accounting Firm Information" for additional related information.

#### **Compensation and Talent Committee**

#### **Members**







Pamela J. Craig



Barbara R. Snyder

### Meetings Held in 2023

## Resolutions Adopted by Written Action

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#### Independence

The Board has determined that all members are independent (including the additional requirements for compensation committee members).

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Making final determinations regarding executive compensation, including salary, equity-based awards, and annual cash incentive targets, and related performance goals, formulae, and procedures.
- Approving (or in certain circumstances, recommending to the full Board for approval) the terms of the various compensation and benefit plans in which executive officers and other employees may participate.
- Administering our Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy and, separately from such policy, overseeing any additional compensation recoupment, recovery, or similar provisions in our compensation and benefit plans.
- Reporting to the full Board on executive compensation, DEI, and several aspects of our human capital management efforts.

The committee's determinations regarding incentive compensation for executive officers (for example, performance criteria and standards relating to Gainshare, our annual cash incentive program) generally also apply to incentive plans covering most other employees. Under this program, executives and non-executives alike are motivated to achieve the same performance objectives. The committee has delegated to management the authority to implement such plans, and make other compensation-related decisions (such as salary and equity-based awards), for employees other than executive officers.

Please see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Compensation Committee Report" for additional related information.

#### **Investment and Capital Committee**

#### **Members**





Charles A. Davis
Chair

Lawton W. Fitt

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### Meetings Held in 2023 5

#### Independence

The Board has determined that all members are independent.



Kahina Van Dyke

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Monitoring whether the company has adopted and adheres to rational and prudent investment and capital management policies.
- Monitoring whether management's investment and capital management actions are consistent with our investment policy, financial objectives, and business goals.
- Monitoring our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and internal guidelines pertaining to investment and capital management.
- Monitoring the competence and performance of the company's internal and external money managers.
- Monitoring the compensation of external money managers.
- Monitoring the company's Strategy Group and proposed strategic investments, including mergers and acquisitions.

The committee does not make operating decisions about money manager selection or compensation, asset allocation, market timing, sector rotation, or security selection, which are the responsibilities of management. The full Board must approve significant changes to the company's capital structure, dividend policy, or portfolio asset allocation, as well as significant strategic investments.

#### **Nominating and Governance Committee**

#### **Members**







Philip Bleser



Roger N. Farah

### Meetings Held in 2023 5

#### Independence

The Board has determined that all members are independent.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Considering the qualifications of individuals who are proposed as possible nominees for election to the Board and making recommendations to the Board with respect to such potential candidates.
- Overseeing the process for evaluating director, committee, and board performance.
- Monitoring corporate governance matters affecting the Board and the company.
- Regularly reviewing our Corporate Governance Guidelines to ensure that they continue to correspond to, and support, the Board's governance philosophy and considers, where appropriate, recommending to the Board for approval, changes to the Corporate Governance Guidelines based on suggestions from its members, other Board members, or management.
- Overseeing environmental, including climate change, and social factors and initiatives impacting us.

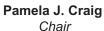
At each of its meetings during 2023, the committee received updates from the company's management concerning ESG matters.

The committee welcomes input from shareholders regarding potential director nominees. Shareholders can recommend a candidate for consideration by the committee by following the procedures described under "Other Matters – Procedures for Recommendations and Nominations of Directors and Shareholder Proposals."

#### **Technology Committee**

#### **Members**







Danelle M. Barrett



Stuart B. Burgdoerfer



Devin C. Johnson



Kahina Van Dyke

### Meetings Held in 2023

#### Independence

The Board has determined that all members are independent.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Overseeing the use of technology in executing our business strategies, including:
  - Technology strategies (including digital strategies) and technology investments,
  - · Cybersecurity programs, and
  - Operational performance, technology-related business continuity, and disaster recovery efforts.
- Monitoring related industry trends.

At each meeting, the committee received updates from the company's Chief Information Officer and Chief Security Officer, among other members of management, on technology investments, IT programs and operations, and the company's information security programs, matters, and efforts.

#### **Executive Committee**

The Board has an Executive Committee made up of Susan Patricia Griffith (Chair), Roger N. Farah, and Lawton W. Fitt. This committee exercises all powers of the Board between Board meetings, except the power to fill vacancies on the Board or its committees and the power to adopt amendments to our Code of Regulations. During 2023, the Executive Committee adopted resolutions by written action pursuant to Ohio corporation law on four occasions.

#### **BOARD EVALUATION PROCESS**

Our Board recognizes that a constructive evaluation process enhances our Board's effectiveness and supports good corporate governance. Every year, the Nominating and Governance Committee oversees a self-evaluation process of our Board's overall performance, and of each of our Board's committees, which is designed to elicit feedback from the directors that will improve the effectiveness of the Board and the committees, and enable each director to contribute actively to the work of the Board. The committee reports these results to the full Board for discussion, and feedback is shared with directors.

In assessing their performance, the Board and its committees take a multi-year perspective to identify and evaluate trends. Each year, the committee re-examines the evaluation process to ensure that the

process allows directors the opportunity to provide actionable feedback. Accordingly, the process varies year to year and involves one or a combination of evaluative approaches, including written surveys, individual interviews, group discussions in executive session, and/or engagement of a third-party facilitator.

From time to time, the committee may engage an independent third party to conduct the annual evaluations to gain an additional perspective and encourage even more candid participation and feedback. The Nominating and Governance Committee engaged an independent third party in 2021 and plans to continue to evaluate the use of an independent third party for the evaluations every few years as part of its multi-year approach.

In early 2022, 2023, and 2024, the evaluation process used a written survey addressing a wide range of topics including:

- Board overall effectiveness
- Board composition
- Committee structure and effectiveness
- · Board meeting content and structure
- Board and committee information needs

The Nominating and Governance Committee reported these results to the full Board for discussion, and used the information obtained to enhance Board and committee performance and processes.

### COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Shareholders or other interested parties may send written communications to the entire Board or to the non-management directors. Such communications must be clearly addressed to the Board or the non-management directors and sent to either of the following:

- Lawton W. Fitt, Chairperson of the Board The Progressive Corporation email: chair@progressive.com
- David M. Stringer, Secretary
  The Progressive Corporation
  6300 Wilson Mills Road
  Mayfield Village, OH 44143
  or email: secretary@progressive.com

The recipient will promptly forward appropriate communications to the full Board or to the non-management directors, as specified by the sending party.

#### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

From time to time, we may enter into transactions with a director or executive officer, certain of their relatives, or an entity in which one or more of our directors or executive officers, or a relative of such person, is an owner, director, or executive officer. With limited exceptions relating to transactions made in the ordinary course of business and certain low dollar transactions, such transactions must be disclosed to and approved by our Board under our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. This policy is carried out by the Secretary as

transactions with such persons or entities, or proposals for such transactions, are identified by management or disclosed by members of the Board. The Board reviews these transactions as they are identified and, for ongoing transactions, on an annual basis thereafter.

During 2023, no transactions with related persons exceeding \$120,000 in value were identified and reportable under SEC rules. For purposes of these disclosures, we exclude purchases of Progressive insurance policies, payments of claims required by our insurance policies, and other ordinary course transactions that were determined not to confer a material interest in our director, executive officer, or other related person.

### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

Mr. Farah (Chair), Ms. Craig, Ms. Snyder, and our former director Jan E. Tighe, served as members of the Board's Compensation Committee during 2023, which was renamed to the Compensation and Talent Committee in 2024. There were no compensation committee interlocks.

### EQUITY OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES FOR DIRECTORS

Within five years after being elected to the Board, each director must acquire common shares having a value equal to at least three times the director's annual compensation for the most recently completed term, and then maintain such level of holdings throughout their tenure as a director. See "Director Compensation – Narrative Disclosure to Director Compensation Table" for additional information.

#### MANDATORY DIRECTOR RETIREMENT

Although the Board does not believe that term limits are appropriate, the Board does support a mandatory retirement age for directors. Accordingly, our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that the Board will not nominate for election by shareholders a candidate for director who is eighty years of age or older at the time of such nomination, nor will the Board appoint such an individual to a vacant seat on the Board. The Board has not waived this requirement in the last three years.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The following Report of the Audit Committee does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Progressive filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent Progressive specifically incorporates this Report by reference therein.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors consists of the three directors named below, each of whom the Board has determined meets the applicable independence and experience requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). In addition, the Board has determined that each of Mr. Burgdoerfer, Mr. Bleser, and Mr. Kelly is an Audit Committee Financial Expert, as that term is defined by the SEC.

The Audit Committee is responsible, on behalf of the Board, for ensuring that the organizational structure, policies, controls, and systems are in place to monitor and accurately report the company's performance. The committee monitors the integrity of the company's financial statements, its financial reporting processes, its system of internal control over financial reporting, and the public release of financial information. In addition, the committee oversees the company's compliance and ethics and enterprise risk management programs. During 2023, the committee held 10 meetings to review these matters and conduct other business.

The committee also is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the company's independent registered public accounting firm and for reviewing that firm's independence. For 2023, the committee appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the company's independent registered public accounting firm. The committee's appointment of PwC was ratified by shareholders at the company's 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

In supervising the work of PwC on the 2023 audit, the committee received the written disclosures and letter from PwC concerning its independence as required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), and the committee has discussed with PwC its independence. In addition, the committee reviewed, and discussed with PwC, among other matters: PwC's report on its internal quality control procedures, including issues raised by governmental investigations of PwC in the preceding five years; the publicly available parts of the PCAOB's report on its most recent inspection of PwC; regulatory developments during the year that impacted PwC's audit work for the company or its communications with the committee; and the other matters that PwC is required to communicate to the committee under the applicable requirements of the PCAOB.

The committee's role relating to the financial statements is one of oversight. The company's management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the system of internal control over financial reporting. Management reports to the committee on financial, accounting, and operational developments that may impact the financial statements, and on issues relating to the company's internal controls, among other matters. The committee also oversees the work of PwC and the company's internal audit staff. During the 2023 audit, the committee discussed with PwC and the internal auditors the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The committee then met with PwC and the internal auditors at various times throughout the year, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, evaluations of the company's internal controls, the overall quality of the company's financial reporting, and the critical accounting matters addressed during PwC's audit.

Notwithstanding the committee's oversight efforts, and the work performed by the company's internal audit staff, PwC alone is responsible for expressing its opinion on the conformity of the company's consolidated year-end financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and its assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the committee reviewed and discussed with management the company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. These discussions included assessments of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting policies used by the company, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements. In addition, the committee has discussed with PwC its judgment as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of the company's accounting policies.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in The Progressive Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, for filing with the SEC.

After reviewing the performance of PwC in planning and conducting the 2023 audit, and considering PwC's independence, quality of services and communications, and sufficiency of resources, among other matters, the committee has selected and retained PwC to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm for Progressive and its subsidiaries for 2024. Shareholders are being given the opportunity to vote on the ratification of this selection at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The committee operates under a written charter, the terms of which are reviewed annually by the committee. The current charter, as approved by the Board, is posted on the company's website at progressive.com/governance.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** 

Stuart B. Burgdoerfer, *Chair* Philip Bleser Jeffrey D. Kelly

# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

#### **SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS**

The following information is set forth with respect to persons known to management to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of Progressive's common shares, \$1.00 par value, as of December 31, 2023.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
The Vanguard Group, Inc. 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	51,466,0441	8.8%
BlackRock, Inc. and subsidiaries 50 Hudson Yards New York, NY 10001	46,567,7282	8.0%

Derived from the Schedule 13G/A filed on February 13, 2024, the Vanguard Group Inc. has sole investment power over 48,962,358 shares, shared investment power over 2,503,686 shares, shared voting power over 766,936 shares, and does not have sole voting power over any shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Derived from the Schedule 13G/A filed on February 12, 2024, BlackRock, Inc. and its subsidiaries have sole investment power over 46,567,728 shares, sole voting power over 42,379,758 shares, and does not have shared investment or voting power over any shares.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following information summarizes the beneficial ownership of Progressive's common shares as of January 31, 2024, by each current director of Progressive, each nominee for director, and each of the named executive officers (as identified in "Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table") and all current directors and executive officers as a group. In addition, to provide a more complete picture of the economic interests of certain individuals in Progressive common shares, the final two columns include certain units held in our benefit and equity incentive plans that are equal in value to a share of our stock, but do not technically qualify as "beneficially owned" under the applicable regulations, also as of January 31, 2024.

Name	Total Common Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>2</sup>	Units Equivalent to Common Shares <sup>3</sup>	Total Interest in Common Shares and Unit Equivalents
Karen B. Bailo	40,806	*	14,551	55,357
Danelle M. Barrett	1,350	*	_	1,350
Philip Bleser	22,480	*	1,017	23,497
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	14,050	*	_	14,050
Patrick K. Callahan	44,864	*	108,375	153,239
Pamela J. Craig	12,258	*	249	12,507
Charles A. Davis	345,851	*	12,869	358,720
Roger N. Farah	116,036	*	31,744	147,780
Lawton W. Fitt	115,590	*	23,632	139,222
Susan Patricia Griffith	570,097	*	70,531	640,628
Devin C. Johnson	8,176	*	_	8,176
Jeffrey D. Kelly	36,809	*	_	36,809
John Murphy	60,644	*	15,496	76,140
John P. Sauerland	400,335	*	19,736	420,071
Barbara R. Snyder	19,252	*	9,485	28,737
Kahina Van Dyke	14,327	*	_	14,327
All 24 Current Executive Officers and Directors as a Group	1,998,107	*	388,489	2,386,596

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1% of Progressive's outstanding common shares.

<sup>1</sup> Total Common Shares Beneficially Owned is comprised of the following:

Name	Common Shares Subject to Restricted Stock Awards <sup>a</sup>	Beneficially Owned Common Share Equivalent Units <sup>b</sup>	Other Common Shares Beneficially Owned
Karen B. Bailo	_	_	40,806
Danelle M. Barrett	1,350	_	_
Philip Bleser	2,436	17,915	2,129
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	2,624	_	11,426
Patrick K. Callahan	_	_	44,864
Pamela J. Craig	1,529	4,509	6,220
Charles A. Davis	2,436	10,768	332,647
Roger N. Farah	2,549	105,948	7,539
Lawton W. Fitt	3,898	102,303	9,389
Susan Patricia Griffith	_	_	570,097
Devin C. Johnson	2,249	_	5,927
Jeffrey D. Kelly	1,394	_	35,415
John Murphy	_	_	60,644
John P. Sauerland	_	_	400,335
Barbara R. Snyder	2,249	12,641	4,362
Kahina Van Dyke	2,361	_	11,966
All 24 Current Executive Officers and Directors as a Group	25,075	254,084	1,718,948

- <sup>a</sup> Represents common shares held pursuant to unvested restricted stock awards issued under the Amended and Restated 2017 Directors Equity Incentive Plan. The beneficial owner has sole voting power and no investment power with respect to these shares during the restriction period.
- This number represents units (excluding dividend equivalents) that have been credited to the director's account under The Progressive Corporation Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan, as amended and restated (the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan), under which each director has the right to defer restricted stock awards, to the extent that distributions from the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan will be made in Progressive common shares upon the termination of a director's service as a director. As to the number of shares that will be so distributed, the director has the right to acquire those shares within 60 days, and those shares are deemed "beneficially owned." See "Director Compensation Narrative Disclosure to Director Compensation Table" for a description of the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan.
- c Includes common shares held directly by the individual, holdings in our 401(k) plan, and shares held by, or for the benefit of, family members. For Mrs. Griffith, the amount includes a total of 69,811 common shares held in trust for the benefit of her spouse and 19,108 common shares held by her spouse. For Mr. Sauerland, this amount includes 64,074 shares beneficially owned by his family members and related entities, of which he may be deemed a beneficial owner by virtue of voting, investment, and dispositive power over such shares but in which he has no pecuniary interest. Mr. Sauerland disclaims beneficial interest over such shares. For Mr. Burgdoerfer, this amount includes 11 common shares held by his spouse.
- <sup>2</sup> Percentage based solely on "Total Common Shares Beneficially Owned."
- The units disclosed are in addition to "Total Common Shares Beneficially Owned" and have been credited to the applicable director's or executive officer's account under one or more of our deferred compensation plans as dividend equivalent units, or, as it relates to our executive officers, under our 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. In each case, the holder has neither voting nor investment power. Each unit is equal in value to one Progressive common share. For the applicable executive officers, amounts in this column: (a) include outstanding time-based restricted stock unit awards, some of which, for certain executives officers, could vest upon retirement assuming that the executive officer has satisfied the Rule of 70 requirements, but for which distribution to the executive officer is delayed under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, and (b) exclude outstanding performance-based restricted stock unit awards, due to the variable nature of such awards. See "Executive Compensation Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End" and "Executive Compensation Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" for additional information on these awards.

## **COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Our Vision is to become consumers', agents', and business owners' number one destination for insurance and other financial needs. We believe that our Core Values, including our Profit Core Value, build the foundation that drives every decision we make and influences how we treat others. Accordingly, these values are deeply-rooted in the minds and actions of our executive officers.

We structure our executive compensation program to support our Vision and our long-term profitability goal, providing strong alignment between pay and performance. We generally provide target compensation to our executives at or below the market median, with performance-based compensation providing upside potential when we perform well against pre-established and objective measures that we believe correlate to shareholder value. In addition, we provide a significant percentage of total compensation to executives in the form of performance-based equity awards, and we believe these awards support a strong pay-for-performance linkage and further align the interests of our executives with those of our shareholders.

For many years, our goal has been to grow as fast as we can at a 96 or better combined ratio during each calendar year while continuing to deliver high-quality customer service. To us, this profitable growth goal is not a value of convenience from which we look to waiver depending on the state of our business. Instead, we believe it remains steadfast and that our continued and unrelenting focus on our profitable growth goal has increased, and will continue to increase, our shareholders' value over the long term. The combined ratio represents the profitability of our insurance operations and is used in certain of our executive compensation program's performance-based equity and cash awards. These awards represent 86% and 77% (on average) of the maximum potential 2023 annual compensation for Susan Patricia Griffith, our President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and our other named executive officers (NEO), respectively. We take a long-term view towards creating, sustaining, and increasing shareholder value and believe that focusing on achieving a 96 or better combined ratio, in addition to the other growth elements of our executive compensation program, supports this goal. In our view, by focusing on putting profit before growth, we are enabled to embrace uncertainty, be nimble and resilient, and ultimately pivot our focus and strategies to achieve our business objectives and deliver solid results. We believe this serves the long-term interests of our shareholders.

We believe that our compensation programs have contributed to our exceptional and profitable growth in recent years. For example, over the past three years we have profitably grown our net premiums earned (the source of nearly all of our non-investment revenue) by \$19.4 billion, or 49%. During 2023, net premiums written grew by 20% and net premiums earned grew by 19%, at a profitable 94.9 combined ratio. We believe this performance exceeds the underwriting performance of our industry peers.

We continue to demonstrate strong pay-for-performance alignment in our equity and cash incentive awards. During the past five years:

- we grew faster than the markets of the insurance business lines we measure, resulting in the related vesting of the performance-based restricted stock unit awards above target;
- we achieved above-market longer-term fixed-income portfolio performance, resulting in the vesting of the performance-based restricted stock unit awards that reflect our investment results above target; and
- our Gainshare program paid out an average of 162% of target based on the growth in average policies in force and profitability of our insurance businesses (for 2023, it paid out at 178% of target).

In addition, our cumulative total shareholder return over the past five years exceeded that of the S&P 500 by 1.9 times (x), as disclosed in our performance graph in our 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders. Our cumulative total shareholder return over the past four years also exceeded that of our industry peer group by 2.2x, as disclosed in "Pay Versus Performance."

See "Proxy Statement Summary" for more information regarding our annual financial results for 2023 and "Pay Versus Performance" for an additional discussion related to our pay-for-performance alignment.

# **COMPENSATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023**

For 2023, in addition to our CEO, the other NEOs included John P. Sauerland, our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Patrick K. Callahan, our Personal Lines President, Karen B. Bailo, our Commercial Lines President, and John Murphy, our Claims President.

Consistent with prior years, the total target compensation in 2023 for our CEO and the other NEOs was heavily weighted toward at-risk, performance-based, compensation.

# 2023 CEO Compensation

At-risk annual equity and cash incentive awards represented 97% of maximum potential compensation and 93% of target compensation.

Mrs. Griffith received a salary increase of 5.3% and her salary remains well below the market median.

# Annual Equity Awards:

- Time-based: 1.0x salary
- · Performance-based:
  - Insurance operations: 8.0x target could range from zero to 20.0x salary; and
  - Investment results: 1.0x target could range from zero to 2.0x salary.

Annual Cash Incentive: 2.5x target - could range from zero to 5.0x salary.

**CEO Target Compensation** 



Salary ■ Cash Incentive ■ Time-Based Equity ■ Performance-Based Equity

CEO's equity ownership (as of January 31, 2024): Our CEO directly owned shares valued at 86x salary, well in excess of the 6x required by our Corporate Governance Guidelines (which excludes all unvested equity awards).

# **2023 Other NEOs Compensation**

At-risk annual equity and cash incentive awards averaged 90% of maximum potential compensation and 82% of target compensation.

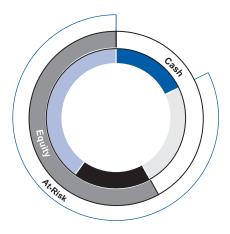
Each NEO received a salary increase, as discussed below.

# **Annual Equity Awards:**

- Time-based: 1.0x salary; and
- Performance-based: 2.17x target, on average could range from zero up to 6.9x salary (amounts vary by executive).

Annual Cash Incentives: between 1.0x and 1.5x target (amounts vary by executive) - could range between zero and 3.0x salary.

**NEO Annualized Target Compensation** 



■ Salary ■ Cash Incentive ■ Time-Based Equity ■ Performance-Based Equity

Equity ownership requirements (as of January 31, 2024): Each of the NEOs was in compliance with the expectation in our Corporate Governance Guidelines that they hold equity (including unvested time-based equity awards) valued at a minimum of 3x salary.

# 2023 Say-on-Pay Vote

At our 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, shareholders cast advisory votes on our executive compensation program, sometimes referred to as the "say-on-pay" vote. In that vote, shareholders approved our executive compensation program, with 95% of the votes cast in support. During 2023, the Compensation and Talent Committee of the Board of Directors reviewed these results with management. Because of the strong level of shareholder support and the absence of specific concerns expressed by shareholders, the committee determined that no specific actions with respect to 2024 compensation should be taken in response to the say-on-pay vote.

#### **OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

Our executive compensation program is designed and implemented under the direction and guidance of the Compensation and Talent Committee. Broadly stated, we seek to maintain a consistent executive compensation program with the following objectives:

- attract and retain outstanding executives with the leadership skills and expertise necessary to drive results, build an enduring business, and create long-term shareholder value;
- motivate executives to achieve our long-term strategic goals while meeting challenging shortterm business objectives;
- reward performance and differentiate compensation based on the achievement of challenging goals; and

 align the interests of our executives with those of shareholders.

Progressive's executive compensation program is designed to serve shareholders' interests by strongly tying our executives' compensation to the achievement of important operating goals and the value of our common shares. As a result, while we seek to offer competitive salaries to our executives, the more significant aspects of our executive compensation program are at-risk components consisting of equity awards and annual cash incentive opportunities.

As a general matter, executive salaries are intended to be at, or somewhat lower than, median amounts paid to executives who have similar responsibilities at comparable companies, while our performance-based equity and annual incentive programs provide the potential to earn above-market median total compensation when the company achieves challenging goals designed into these plans.

While we consider market data when making decisions on executive compensation, variations occur for a number of reasons, including the unique nature of a specific executive's responsibilities, individual performance, the tenure and experience of an executive, the executive's future potential, and our business needs.

# **ELEMENTS OF COMPENSATION**

The following chart provides general information about the elements of compensation for our executive compensation program:

		Element	Why We Use This Element
F i x e d		Salary	Provides a fixed amount of income to attract and retain executive talent and rewards individual performance
	A n n u a I	Gainshare Cash Incentive*	Motivates nearly all employees, including our executives, to achieve challenging and objective operating goals in our insurance businesses  Measures the annual growth in policies in force and profitability in our insurance businesses  Generally, provides executives with the potential (when combined with other compensation elements) to earn compensation above the market median
		Progressive Capital Management Cash Incentive	Motivates our investment professionals, including our Chief Investment Officer (CIO), to balance short- and long-term performance of our fixed-income portfolio with our investment goal of protecting our balance sheet (no current NEO participates in this plan)  Measures the performance of our fixed-income portfolio over a one-year and a three-year period against the performance results of a benchmark group  Provides the CIO with the potential (when combined with other compensation elements) to earn compensation above the market median
V a r i a b I e	Lo	Performance- Based Restricted Stock Units Growth in Market Share*	Motivates executives to focus on longer-term operating performance of our insurance businesses  Rewards our profitable growth in market share of our insurance businesses over a three-year period  Aligns the interests of executives with those of shareholders by tying the value of compensation to the market value of our common shares  Generally, provides executives with the potential (when combined with other compensation elements) to earn compensation above the market median
	g T e r m	Performance- Based Restricted Stock Units  Investment Results*  Time-Based Restricted Stock Units	Motivates our CEO, CFO, and CIO to focus on longer-term fixed-income portfolio investment performance  Measures the performance of our fixed-income portfolio over a three-year period against the performance results of a benchmark group  Aligns the interests of these executives with those of shareholders by tying the value of compensation to the market value of our common shares  Provides these executives with the potential (when combined with other compensation elements) to earn compensation above the market median  Further aligns the interests of executives with those of shareholders by tying the value of compensation to the market value of our common shares

<sup>\*</sup> The pay-for-performance alignment of these elements of compensation are described in more detail in "Pay Versus Performance."

## The Role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We believe that our people and our culture remain our most significant competitive advantage and that having the right people working together in the right way is critical to driving our results, building an enduring business, and creating long-term shareholder value.

In our view, supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the workplace is a priority, and critical to achieving our goals of attracting, retaining, and motivating our highly qualified employees to build upon our enduring business and create long-term shareholder value.

For several years, the job objectives for our executive officers, including our NEOs, have included an objective related to supporting our commitment to advancing DEI, demonstrating our intentional focus on DEI efforts, and appreciating the critical role DEI plays in our success. We continued to strive for diversity in our teams, equity in our practices, and inclusion in our culture. Accordingly, in addition to the assessment of market data, in establishing 2023 target total compensation for our NEOs, the Compensation and Talent Committee broadly considered the investments and actions taken during 2022 under our executive team's leadership to further support our DEI efforts, including those highlighted below:

# Select 2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts

- Guiding companywide strategy and efforts that strengthened the company's commitment to ensuring a healthy culture where all of our talented people can thrive.
- Meaningfully supporting our DEI awareness efforts and serving as sponsors for many of our nine ERGs.
- Creating several leadership development offerings at the business function level.
- Expanding our Multicultural Leadership
  Development Program, which is an inclusive
  program open to employees across every
  demographic and business area, to include two
  programs for high performing, motivated individual
  contributors who aspire to take on roles in
  leadership.
- Launching forums to support new senior leaders.
- Supporting efforts in our hybrid work environment aimed at ensuring a culture of belonging where all of our people are welcomed, valued, and respected.
- Striving to create products, services, and communications that are relevant and desirable in our multicultural marketplace and enhancing and expanding our customer-focused multilingual experiences.

- Supporting efforts to contribute to our communities through our Keys to Progress<sup>®</sup> program.
- Supporting a change in The Progressive Insurance Foundation's traditional matching gift program to a new equitable giving program called Name Your Cause<sup>®</sup> intended to broaden employee participation.
- Serving as the stewards of our Core Values and culture, which contributed to the company receiving several recognitions for 2023, including: Fortune<sup>®</sup> 100 Best Companies to Work For, Forbes<sup>®</sup> Best Employers for Diversity, Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award, and National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award.

The Compensation and Talent Committee made a similar assessment with respect to establishing 2024 target total compensation for the NEOs and broadly considered the several DEI investments and actions taken during 2023 under our executive team's leadership. See "Proxy Statement Summary – Human Capital Management – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" for more information.

#### 2023 DECISIONS AND AWARDS

#### **Salaries**

For 2023, annual salaries for our NEOs were as follows:

Name	2023 Salary¹	Change From Prior Salary
Susan Patricia Griffith <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000,000	5.3%
John P. Sauerland	700,000	3.7
Patrick K. Callahan	650,000	4.0
Karen B. Bailo	600,000	9.1
John Murphy	580,000	5.5

- 1 Amounts may differ from the salary amounts shown in "Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table" as salary changes are typically implemented in February of each year.
- <sup>2</sup> Mrs. Griffith previously requested that her target compensation for 2022 and 2021 remain the same since 2020, and the Compensation and Talent Committee honored her request.

After reviewing the applicable market comparison and also taking into account each executive's experience in the specific role, and individual performance, annual salary increases were provided to each NEO to improve the competitive nature of our total compensation. After taking into account the increases, the 2023 salaries for each applicable NEO remained below the median for executives at comparable companies based on the data reviewed by the Compensation and Talent Committee in late 2022.

# **Equity Awards**

A high percentage of our executive compensation program provides long-term incentives through grants of equity-based awards, currently in the form of restricted stock units, which creates a strong pay-for-performance linkage and aligns the interests of our executives with those of our shareholders. Under a restricted stock unit grant, the executive receives an award of a specified number of units; upon vesting of the award, the executive is entitled to receive one Progressive common share for each unit that is vesting. Annual awards of restricted stock units are made to the NEOs in the form of performance-based awards and time-based awards. As with other elements of our executive compensation program, integral to our performance-based equity awards are pre-established growth and profitability measurements that correlate to shareholder value, are consistent with our companywide objectives, and align with our Profit Core Value.

For 2023, the aggregate dollar value (fair value on the date of grant) of annual equity awards made to the NEOs was approximately \$14.5 million in performance-based awards (at target value) and \$3.5 million in time-based awards. Those awards were determined based on the following target levels:

	Performance- Based Award Target Value (Multiple of Salary) <sup>1, 2</sup>	Time-Based Award Value (Multiple of Salary) <sup>2</sup>
Name	2023	2023
Susan Patricia Griffith	9.00x <sup>3</sup>	1.00x
John P. Sauerland	2.753	1.00
Patrick K. Callahan	2.75	1.00
Karen B. Bailo	1.50	1.00
John Murphy	1.50	1.00

- Pursuant to performance-based awards, between zero-2.5x (zero-2.0x for investment-based awards) of the number of units awarded can vest. See discussions above.
- <sup>2</sup> For 2023, the Compensation and Talent Committee revised the allocation of Mrs. Griffith's annual equity awards to increase the amount granted as performance-based awards to 9.0x of her salary and decrease the amount granted as time-based awards to 1.0x her salary. The other executives remained unchanged from the prior year.
- For the following executives, investment-based awards represented the indicated multiple of each executive's salary for the year: Mrs. Griffith, 1.0x; and Mr. Sauerland, 0.45x.

Since 2021, our agreements include a non-compete provision and contain different provisions for death, disability and retirement than prior awards (see "Executive Compensation – Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table").

Annual Performance-Based Awards – Performance versus Market Insurance Results Each of the NEOs and 54 other senior managers were granted performance-based restricted stock unit awards that measure the growth of our insurance businesses, and compare that growth to the growth of the market as a whole, over a three-year performance period, and also include a profitability requirement of a combined ratio of 96.0 or better over the most recent 12-month period when the vesting is determined. The committee granted these awards to each of the NEOs in March 2023.

These awards require our business lines to outgrow the market by a specified percentage for that business line in determining the actual number of units eligible to vest. Specifically, the 2023 awards measure the growth of two business lines (private passenger auto and commercial auto) from 2023 through 2025 as compared to the growth rate of each of these markets as a whole (excluding our results) over that same period. We measure against these business lines since they represent market categories that align with financial reporting to insurance regulatory authorities and are publicly available and compiled routinely by third parties. With respect to the 2023 awards, the homeowners multiple-peril business line was removed from the awards, in light of our focus on growing in states with traditionally less catastrophe exposure and limiting growth in coastal and hail-prone states; the homeowners multiple-peril business line had previously been included in prior awards.

Each business unit will receive a score, which will then be weighted based on the business lines' relative contribution to net premiums earned. These scores will then be combined to produce a final performance factor. In each case, we will use A.M. Best data to make these calculations. The final performance factor will be used as a "multiplier" to increase or decrease the number of units (compared to target) that can vest. Although these awards are designed to reward growth, they do not reward growth at all cost, and also include a restriction on vesting based on the profitability requirement previously described.

The performance score for each business unit will be determined as follows:

Performance vs. Business Line Market¹	Determination of the Performance Score for the Business Line
If our growth for the business line exceeds the market growth rate by the maximum measure for that business line or more	Score will be 2.5x; this is the maximum possible score
If our growth rate for the business line exceeds the market growth rate by more than the target measure for that business line but less than the maximum measure for that business line	Score will be between 1.0x and 2.5x, in proportion to the extent to which each business line's growth rate exceeds the market's growth rate above the target rate
If our growth rate for the business line exceeds the market growth rate by less than the target measure for that business line	Score will be up to 1.0x of the target in proportion to the extent to which each business line's growth rate exceeds the market's growth rate
If the business line's growth rate is equal to or less than the market growth rate	The score for the business line will be 0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Growth is measured by premium growth, which is calculated as the percentage change in annual direct earned premium (defined as the sum of net earned premium and earned premiums ceded under reinsurance).

For 2023, the target growth rate measure and maximum growth rate measure for each business line is as follows:

Business Line	Target Growth Rate Measure	Maximum Growth Rate Measure
Private passenger auto	Two percentage points	Three and a half percentage points
Commercial auto	Two percentage points	Three and a half percentage points

For the 2023 awards, the performance factor is expected to be determined in July 2026. If the performance factor is zero, the awards will not vest and will be forfeited. If the performance factor is greater than zero, the performance factor is determined and the awards are eligible to vest, if and when the 12-month profitability requirement is satisfied. For these awards, if the profitability requirement is not satisfied by January 31, 2028, the awards will not vest and will expire.

We believe that this approach, with a potential upside for outperformance as compared with the private passenger auto and commercial auto markets, provides appropriate focus on our competitor set in the insurance market, consistent with our profitable growth goals. In addition, the profitability requirement imposes an additional challenge to our growth in market share, given the fact that some of our competitors do not consistently show a profit in their insurance operations and rely instead on their investment activity to fund insurance liabilities.

Annual Performance-Based Equity Awards – Investment Results In March 2023, the Compensation and Talent Committee also awarded performance-based restricted stock units to Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Sauerland, and our CIO, with a performance goal relating to investment performance. These awards did not increase the aggregate size of the equity awards to the CEO or CFO, but represented a portion of the total performance-based awards that otherwise would have been granted to them.

These awards measure the performance of our fixedincome portfolio for the three-year period of 2023 through 2025, on the basis of the fully taxable equivalent (FTE) total return. The FTE total return is calculated by dividing the recurring investment income (which includes 50% of the benefit of state premium tax abatements associated with certain municipal securities held in our portfolio, and the total net realized (and changes in total unrealized) gains or losses on the applicable securities), by the average outstanding fixed-income investments for the period. Those results are then compared to the performance results achieved by a benchmark group of comparable firms meeting a series of objective criteria for the same time periods. The fixed-income portfolio was chosen for these equity awards because it represents a substantial portion of our investment portfolio (over 95% at year end) and our CIO and other investment professionals actively manage this fixed-income portfolio and do not actively manage our equity investments.

The CEO, CFO, and CIO each received a target number of restricted stock units and the number of units that will ultimately vest can vary between zero and 2.0 times target. At the end of the performance period, using performance data supplied by an independent third party, the performance factor will be determined based on our percentile ranking in the benchmark group as follows:

Score=0	Score=1.0	Score=2.0
Rank at or	Rank equal	Rank at or
below the	to the	above the
percentile	percentile	percentile
25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>

The percentile ranking will be interpolated based on the positioning of our actual return compared to the other firms included in the peer set (e.g., a ranking at the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile will receive a score between zero and 1.0).

These performance-based awards are intended to align the compensation of these executives with their responsibilities in connection with the longer-term performance of our fixed-income portfolio. For the 2023 awards, the use of the 25th percentile as the minimum performance level, and of the 75th percentile as the maximum performance level, reflected the Compensation and Talent Committee's decision at the time of grant that our investment constraints and guidelines may differ from other firms included in the comparison. The committee determined that requiring "average" performance prior to vesting and/or rewarding performance above the 75th percentile might create an incentive to increase investment risks to a level that may exceed the company's overall risk tolerance, and that below target payouts for performance between the 25th and 50th percentiles would be, on balance, fair compensation for the results achieved.

Annual Time-Based Awards In 2023, time-based restricted stock unit awards were granted to the NEOs and 1,077 other senior level employees, comprising approximately 2% of our entire employee population. These awards will vest in three equal annual installments, in January of 2026, 2027, and 2028, subject to accelerated vesting and forfeiture provisions in the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (2015 Plan) and the grant agreement.

# **Annual Cash Incentive Payments (Gainshare)**

Our Gainshare program has been around for three decades and has been the primary vehicle to motivate and reward our employees to achieve our profitability and growth objectives. Most companies of our size

utilize some form of bonus program. Under our Gainshare program nearly all of our employees participate, and we win or lose together based on our collective performance. We believe that Gainshare is a differentiator and contributes to the "all for one and one for all" attitude that in part defines our culture and is supported by our Core Values.

Like other elements of our compensation program, Gainshare is designed to reward performance relative to our long-standing companywide goal to grow as fast as we can at a 96 or better combined ratio while continuing to deliver high-quality customer service.

The Gainshare Plan is currently comprised of six matrices that objectively measure our various products and channels. We use different matrices for each line of business to reflect the different growth and profitability expectations given the wide variance in our market share across business lines and channels. We believe that focusing on performance at the business level is consistent with management's approach to evaluating our operations. Beginning in 2023, the Property business is split into two matrices in light of our focus on growing in states with traditionally less catastrophe exposure and limiting growth in coastal and hail-prone states, weighted by premium.

Gainshare payments for NEOs are determined using the same performance criteria we use for the Gainshare payments for all of our employees, resulting in a consistent set of goals across our employee population. Gainshare payments are determined using the following formula:

Annually, each executive's salary and Gainshare target percentage are determined by the Compensation and Talent Committee for the calendar year. When the executive's paid salary is multiplied by the assigned target percentage, the product is referred to as the participant's "target annual incentive payment" for the year. The Gainshare Factor can range from zero to 2.00 each year, and annual cash incentive payments, therefore, can vary between 0x and 2x the target annual incentive payment amount, depending on our actual performance results for the year.

Throughout the 31-year history of our companywide Gainshare program (including 2023), the final Gainshare Factor has ranged from zero to 2.00 and, over the past 5 years of profitable growth, has averaged 1.62. These results confirm management's view that our Gainshare program has operated to provide annual cash incentive payments to our employees, including our executive officers, commensurate with our level of achievement.

The Compensation and Talent Committee set the following Gainshare targets for 2023:

Name	(Multiple of Salary)
Susan Patricia Griffith	2.50x
John P. Sauerland	1.50
Patrick K. Callahan	1.50
Karen B. Bailo	1.00
John Murphy	1.00

2022 Target

For each NEO, the 2023 target values remained unchanged from 2022.

The Gainshare payout was determined based on the performance of our Agency auto, Direct auto, and special lines business units (collectively, Personal Lines), Commercial Lines, and Property, subject to the following:

- For several years, the business lines excluded from growth and profitability results (i.e., our umbrella, renters, flood, and business owners' policy) represented less than 1% of our companywide net premiums earned.
- We began including the transportation network company (TNC) business and the business of Protective Insurance Corporation and subsidiaries in the Commercial Lines' profitability results in 2022 and 2023, respectively, but the businesses continue to be excluded from the average policies in force calculations since the policies for these businesses often include multiple vehicles.
- Additionally, for 2023, both the Commercial Lines and Property businesses were subject to new profitability thresholds such that if the combined ratio of the applicable business unit in its entirety equaled or exceeded 100, the Gainshare Factor for that business unit would be 0.

The Gainshare Factor for 2023 was 1.78 out of a possible 2.00 and all Gainshare payments for the NEOs are reported in the "Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table" as "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."

Focusing on performance at the business level was consistent with management's approach to evaluating our operations. We used the average number of "policies in force" to measure growth for each of those businesses because it represents the average of all policies under which coverage was in effect as of the end of the periods specified. The combined ratio represents the profitability of our insurance operations.

Our 2023 Gainshare Plan evaluated the growth and profitability of each of our businesses separately and determined a score between zero and 2.00 for each business. The individual scores were calculated based on a matrix that was approved by the Compensation and Talent Committee at the beginning of the year that contemplated several profit and growth scenarios. Each matrix was built by anchoring the 1.00 score at the established profitability target for the line of business, along with an aggressive growth goal when compared to historical industry growth rates. Each possible combination of growth and profitability would produce a score, and a score at or near 1.00 could be earned with a variety of other growth and profitability combinations: that is, if growth was below expectations, a 1.00 could still be achieved if profitability increased and, likewise, a moderate decrease in profitability could be offset by higher growth to generate a score around 1.00.

The nature of the Gainshare program and the measures that we use were relatively unchanged over the past several years. Although we review the interplay of profitability and growth levels for each business unit matrix annually, any changes are more in the nature of refinements based on market trends and internal expectations. Because the goals are relatively consistent over time and represent management's expectations and goals on a business unit level, we believe that our competitors could glean valuable information about our current operations, strategies, and operating goals if we were to disclose the performance goals in greater detail, even for the previous fiscal year. We therefore believe that the specific goals for our current and prior fiscal years constitute competitive information, which, if disclosed. would harm our competitive position and that our current level of disclosure regarding performance goals and actual performance levels is appropriate and is in the best interests of our shareholders.

The following table presents the overall 2023 growth and profitability data for the individual core business units that contributed to the 1.78 Gainshare Factor:

Business Unit	Combined Ratio	Increase in Policies in Force (%) <sup>3</sup>
Agency auto	95.1	8%
Direct auto	92.7	14
Special lines <sup>1</sup>	_	6
Commercial Lines <sup>2</sup>	98.8	5
Property <sup>2</sup>	98.9	4

- Consistent with the presentation of the combined ratio of our Personal Lines segment in our public reports, the combined ratio results for our special lines business are not presented separately and, instead, are included in either the Agency or Direct results, depending on whether the underlying policy was written through agents/brokers or directly by us.
- <sup>2</sup> Represents the combined results of the segment, consistent with our public reports.
- 3 Based on average policies in force outstanding during the year and, for Agency and Direct, represents auto policies in force only.

Using the actual performance results for the year and the Gainshare matrices discussed above, we determined the performance score for each core business unit, weighted those scores based on each business unit's relative contribution to overall net premiums earned, and then added the weighted scores to determine the Gainshare Factor, as follows:

Matrix	Performance Score	Weighting Factor P (%)	Weighted erformance Score
Agency auto	1.92	33.7%	0.64
Direct auto	2.00	40.9	0.82
Special lines	2.00	4.5	0.09
Commercial Lines	1.31	16.9	0.22
Property – growth <sup>1</sup>	0.00	1.8	0.00
Property – limited <sup>2</sup>	0.30	2.2	0.01
Gainshare Factor			1.78

- Results for the portion of our Property business focused on growth in states with traditionally less catastrophe exposure.
- <sup>2</sup> Results for the portion of our Property business focused on limiting growth in coastal and hail-prone states.

As depicted in the table above, our Direct auto business and special lines business achieved the maximum score of 2.00 and our Agency auto business achieved a score of 1.92. These results reflect solid growth and profitability in these products. Commercial Lines experienced moderate policies in force growth and profitability, reflected by its slightly above target 1.31 score. For our Property business, the growth states had a score of zero due to an underwriting loss for the year, while the states where we are limiting

growth had a score of 0.30 primarily due to achieving profitability for the year.

Under the Gainshare calculations, average policies in force for the included products grew by just over 9%. Along with this unit growth, during 2023, companywide net premiums written grew 20% and net premiums earned grew 19%, at a 94.9 combined ratio. We were able to generate this growth despite the actions we took during the year to slow growth as part of our efforts to ensure we met our profitability target.

We believe that the resulting 1.78 Gainshare Factor was an appropriate and reasonable outcome based on the overall profitability and growth achieved in 2023. The fact that the 2023 Gainshare Factor was higher than our average factor for the past 5 years of 1.62 further demonstrates our strong pay-for-performance alignment in our Gainshare program.

#### **Clawback Provisions**

In 2023, our Board of Directors adopted a clawback policy in accordance with applicable SEC and NYSE rules (the "Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy"). The Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy requires us to recover incentive-based compensation awarded to our current and former executive officers resulting from erroneously reported financial information in the event that we are required to prepare an accounting restatement. For several years, our cash and equity incentive plans have included, and will continue to include language that incorporates the Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy into them.

Additionally, our equity and cash incentive plans each include one or more provisions that permit recoupment of performance-based compensation when a specified event occurs or an executive officer engages in specified conduct. If our operating or financial results used to calculate a payment or vesting factor are restated within three years of the payment or vesting, and the payment, or amount of common shares delivered at vesting, was inflated as a result of the incorrect results, we can recoup from the NEO the inflated portion of the payment or common shares delivered (or equivalent value). If an executive officer engaged in fraud or other misconduct that led to a restatement of operating or financial results, we can recoup from them the entire payment or value of common shares delivered at vesting, plus interest and collection costs, even if the restatement occurred more than three years after the payment or vesting event.

In addition to provisions in our equity plan, our equity awards also address conduct that results in reputational harm. Under the 2015 Plan, if an executive officer engages in a "disqualifying activity,"

they forfeit all outstanding equity awards (time-based and performance-based) held at the time the activity began. If an equity award vests after the conduct began but before we become aware of it, we can recoup the vested award. Among conduct that constitutes a "disqualifying activity" is conduct that is materially detrimental to our reputation or that is a material violation of our Code of Conduct.

# Additional Comments Regarding 2023 Compensation Decisions

Consistent with our compensation philosophy and history with respect to executive compensation, the Compensation and Talent Committee granted a large proportion of each NEO's compensation in the form of performance-based compensation, including equity compensation. In this way, overall compensation for these individuals is competitive, while providing the opportunity to earn above-market median compensation if and when justified by the company's performance and our stock price, which aligns the interests of these individuals with those of shareholders. It should be noted, however, that the ultimate value of these awards remains dependent on our achievement of applicable performance goals and the value of our common shares at the time of vesting of restricted stock unit awards. Thus, for each NEO, a substantial portion of the compensation used to establish the NEO's potential percentile position compared to market, and the value of those awards, will remain at risk for years before it is earned, and some of the restricted stock unit awards in fact may never vest. See "Pay Versus Performance" for additional information regarding the change in fair value of these awards until they vest.

Chief Executive Officer As has been the case in prior years, Mrs. Griffith's salary amount remained well below the 50th percentile of approximately \$1.45 million for CEO salaries reflected in the market data reviewed by the Compensation and Talent Committee. After honoring Mrs. Griffith's previous requests that her target compensation for 2020 through 2022 remain the same, for 2023, the committee increased her salary and revised the allocation of her annual equity awards to increase the amount granted as performance-based awards and decrease the amount granted as time-based awards. The committee determined that this equity award allocation would continue to provide Mrs. Griffith with compensation at an appropriate level, while adding significantly to the performance-based nature of her

compensation and further aligning her interests with those of our shareholders. The committee believed that this pay package was consistent with the company's compensation philosophy and presented an appropriate pay package that is largely performance-based.

The result of these determinations for 2023 was that, despite her below-median salary and target cash incentive, Mrs. Griffith continues to have the potential to earn total compensation significantly above the median if the company performs exceptionally well over the various performance periods related to her compensation granted in 2023. If Mrs. Griffith were to have received a cash incentive payment based on a 1.0 Gainshare Factor and her annual performance-based restricted stock unit awards were to vest at their target amounts, her total annual compensation would be just above the 25th percentile for CEOs. However, her annual compensation would be above the 75th percentile if all performance-based compensation, cash and equity, payouts were to be maximized.

Other Current Named Executive Officers Market comparison information is only one of a number of factors considered by the Compensation and Talent Committee in setting compensation each year, along with other factors such as the length of the executive's experience in the specific job, the nature of the job held and related responsibilities, individual performance, expected future contributions, the reliability of the comparison data, and our business needs. However, we present comparison data here for the shareholders' information (see "— Procedures and Policies — Compensation Comparisons" for further information on our market comparison process).

Assuming that cash incentives had paid out at a 1.0 performance factor for the year and annual performance-based equity also were to vest at the target 1.0 factor, Mr. Sauerland and Ms. Bailo would receive total compensation for 2023 between the 25th and 50th percentile level reflected in the market data reviewed by the committee, Mr. Callahan would receive total compensation between the 50th and 75th percentile level, and Mr. Murphy would receive total compensation above the 75th percentile. In the event that all of their annual incentive based compensation were to pay out at their maximum level, the total compensation for Mr. Sauerland, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Bailo, and Mr. Murphy would be above the 75th percentile.

# Changes for 2024

While the basic structure of the 2024 annual compensation for the NEOs approved by the Compensation and Talent Committee in the fourth quarter of 2023 was consistent with 2023, after a review of market data and individual executive performance, Mrs. Griffith received a 5.0% salary increase, the other NEOs received salary increases between 4.3% and 6.7%, and Ms. Bailo's Gainshare target increased from 1.00x to 1.25x.

With respect to the 2024 Performance-Based Awards (Investment Results), the Compensation and Talent Committee increased the maximum number of restricted stock units that may ultimately vest under this award from 2.0x to 2.5x target and additionally rewarded performance between the 75th and 90th percentiles. In making this plan design change, the committee considered the Investment and Capital Committee's oversight of the company's internal investment guidelines applicable to our fixed-income portfolio. Since the awards are designed to measure the performance of our fixed-income portfolio over a longer term (three years), the Compensation and Talent Committee felt this change was appropriate and would not create an incentive to increase investment risks to a level that would exceed the company's overall risk tolerance. The committee believes that the focus on the three-year results, along with the investment constraints mentioned above that are overseen by the Investment and Capital Committee, and the use of the 90th percentile as the maximum payout measure, provides appropriate incentives for these executives without creating inappropriate risks.

# OTHER ELEMENTS OF COMPENSATION

# **Perquisites**

We provide perquisites to our executives only when the Board or the Compensation and Talent Committee determines that such benefits are in the interests of Progressive and our shareholders. We own an aircraft that is used primarily for the CEO's and other executive officers' business travel. At the request of the Board, Mrs. Griffith also uses the company aircraft for her personal travel and that of her spouse and children when they accompany her. Such personal use of the aircraft constitutes a perquisite and is provided to enhance the CEO and her family's personal security and the confidentiality of their travel. During 2023, Mrs. Griffith took fewer flights than the prior year and we incurred approximately \$150,518 in incremental costs as a result of Mrs. Griffith's personal use of the aircraft. Such personal trips by the CEO also result in taxable income being imputed as required under IRS regulations, and Mrs. Griffith is responsible for paying

the taxes on such income without further contribution or reimbursement from the company. Other executives and guests may occasionally accompany the CEO on personal trips, at the CEO's discretion.

Mrs. Griffith is also provided with a company-owned vehicle and a driver for business needs to facilitate transportation to and among our headquarters and many other local facilities, and to allow her to use that travel time for work purposes. To the extent that the CEO uses the company car for personal matters, she receives a perquisite.

In addition, in connection with Mrs. Griffith's 2023 filing made to the Federal Trade Commission under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Act's pre-merger notification requirements, we paid for Mrs. Griffith's associated filing fee (\$30,000) and related legal expenses (\$6,120). These filings are required prior to the acquisition of a company's common shares when ownership levels will exceed certain dollar thresholds and are subject to certain exceptions. Often, significant shareholders are exempt from these filing requirements because they hold the shares on an "investment only" basis (i.e., as a passive investor). Under the HSR rules, directors and executive officers are not considered to be passive investors.

A large portion of Mrs. Griffith's compensation during her tenure has been in the form of equity-based awards and Mrs. Griffith has accumulated a significant number of our common shares. This has resulted in strong alignment between Mrs. Griffith's interests and those of our shareholders. To further strengthen this alignment, a significant portion of her annual total compensation each year continues to be in the form of equity awards. Based on the considerable appreciation of her common stock holdings from previous equity award vesting events, and also taking into consideration future vesting events, a future vesting could cause Mrs. Griffith's ownership levels to exceed the HSR threshold. The Compensation and Talent Committee considered all of these factors when it determined that the company's payment of these amounts was appropriate since they arose as a result of the operation of the company's executive compensation program.

See the "All Other Compensation" column of "Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table" and related footnote for additional information concerning perguisites.

## **Deferral Arrangements**

NEOs and certain other senior level employees are given the opportunity to defer the receipt of annual cash incentive payments and annual equity awards under our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (EDCP). This deferral mechanism allows NEOs to delay receipt of cash incentives or the vesting of equity awards that have been earned in full and otherwise would have been received as of a specific date. The EDCP is made available to executives in order to keep our executive compensation program competitive and also allow executives to manage their receipt of compensation to better fit their life circumstances, including their individual financial and tax planning objectives. We do not contribute additional amounts to a participant's deferral account, either in the year of deferral or in future years. We also do not guarantee a specific investment return to participants in this plan.

Deferred amounts are deemed to be invested in specific investments selected by the participant, which includes an option to invest in Progressive common shares. Deferrals of outstanding equity awards are currently required to be invested in Progressive common shares throughout the deferral period. The value of each participant's deferred account thus varies based on the participant's investment choices and market factors. Deferred amounts are at risk and may decrease in value if Progressive common shares or the other investments selected by the participant do not perform well during the deferral period. Additional details concerning this plan, including the NEOs' respective holdings in the plan, can be found under "Executive Compensation – Nonqualified Deferred Compensation."

#### Retirement

We do not provide pension benefits or supplemental retirement benefits to our NEOs. NEOs are eligible to participate in our 401(k) plan on the same terms and conditions available to all other regular employees, subject to limitations under applicable law. Also, upon leaving the company, the NEO may receive a payout of unused paid time off and, where legally required, paid sick leave, subject to limitations applicable to all employees.

We do not provide other payments or benefits to executives related to retirement or eligibility for retirement other than with respect to equity awards. Our NEOs, along with all other equity award recipients, are eligible for "qualified retirement" (also referred to as "Rule of 70") treatment under our 2015 Plan.

Beginning with the 2021 awards, if an NEO retires after satisfying the Rule of 70 requirements (age 55 with at least 15 years of service or age 60 with at least

10 years of service) and remained employed through the end of 2023:

- 100% of their 2023 time-based award will vest;
- the NEO will retain 100% of the applicable performance-based award, which will vest if, when and to the extent that the applicable performance measures and any profitability requirement, are achieved.

For additional information regarding retirement benefits under earlier equity awards, see "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control."

As discussed in the preceding section, an executive who elects to participate in our deferral program may be entitled to receive post-employment distributions from the EDCP. See "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control – Other Termination Provisions Under Equity Plan."

The qualified retirement provisions are intended to provide a benefit for long-tenured employees.

Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Sauerland, and Ms. Bailo satisfied the Rule of 70 requirements for a qualified retirement. See "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control – Qualified Retirement Provisions Under Equity Plan" for additional information.

# **Severance and Change-in-Control Arrangements**

Severance and change-in-control arrangements are intended to provide compensation and a fair financial transition for eligible employees (including the NEOs) when an adverse change in their employment situation is required due to company needs or upon the occurrence of certain unexpected corporate events, and to recognize past contributions by those executives, who are typically long-tenured employees. These arrangements allow executives to focus on the company's performance, and not on their personal financial situation, in the face of uncertain or difficult times or events beyond their control. Each of these programs is discussed in more detail under "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control."

Severance Our executive separation allowance plan (ESAP) provides executives with well-defined financial payments if the executive's employment is terminated for any reason other than resignation (including retirement), death, disability, leave of absence, or discharge for cause, if certain conditions are satisfied. Based on tenure with us, for each of our NEOs, the severance payment would equal three times the executive's salary (i.e., excluding cash incentives and

equity awards) at the time of termination, plus medical, dental, and vision benefits for up to 18 months at regular employee costs, and outplacement services following termination. These benefits are payable to the NEOs upon any qualifying separation from the company, whether in a change-in-control situation or otherwise.

In addition, if a change in control occurs and an NEO terminates employment within 24 months following the change in control for "good reason," then the NEO will be entitled to receive the same severance benefits described above as though they had been terminated by the company.

We believe that this level of severance payment for each of our NEOs (a maximum of three times the NEO's salary) is reasonable. The severance payments do not take into account or include the value of cash incentives or equity-based awards in determining the executive's severance payment, which substantially limits the amount of the severance payment when compared with severance plans offered by many other companies. In addition, an executive who qualifies for a severance payment under this plan does not receive accelerated vesting of equity awards (although those awards may vest (or partially vest) separately under our 2015 Plan if the executive is eligible for a qualified retirement, discussed above, or in a change-in-control scenario, as discussed immediately below). Finally, executives will not receive any tax "gross-up" payment to compensate them for any taxes they may owe in connection with a severance payment. Management and the Compensation and Talent Committee accordingly believe that the severance rights provide the NEOs with a fair, but not excessive, financial transition when an executive is asked to leave the company.

The dollar values of benefits that would be payable to NEOs upon a qualifying termination under our severance plan are summarized under "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control."

Change-in-Control Benefits Under Equity Plan The provisions of the 2015 Plan are summarized below. Additional details regarding these provisions can be found under "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control – Change-in-Control Provisions Under Equity Plan."

The 2015 Plan has a "double-trigger" change-in-control provision. Unless the committee determines otherwise at the time of grant of an award, no acceleration or payment will occur with respect to any outstanding award upon a change in control if the

outstanding award is honored, assumed, or replaced with a new right that complies with the requirements of the change-in-control provisions in the 2015 Plan, including providing substantially identical terms and substantially equivalent economic terms. Any honored, assumed, or replacement award will be subject to accelerated vesting after the change in control if, within 24 months after the change in control, the individual is terminated by the surviving entity other than for cause (as defined in the plan) or the individual terminates employment for good reason. If vesting is accelerated, performance-based awards will be considered to be earned at the higher of target (if applicable) or a multiple based on the level of achievement through the termination date, if determinable.

If the awards are not honored, assumed, or replaced, as described above, they will vest immediately prior to the change in control and each restricted stock unit award will be cancelled in exchange for an amount equal to the fair market value of the common shares covered by the award, with any performance-based awards deemed to have been earned in full at the higher of target or a multiple of target based on the level of achievement through the date of the change in control, if determinable.

#### Death

Beginning with awards granted in 2021, if an NEO is employed through the end of the calendar year in which the grant is made, the time-based award will vest 100% if the NEO dies; and with respect to performance-based awards, if the NEO dies (i) before the end of the performance period, then the award will vest at 100% of target; or (ii) after the end of the performance period, then the award will remain outstanding and will vest if, when and to the extent that the performance measures are achieved. For additional information regarding death benefits under earlier equity awards, see "Executive Compensation – Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control."

#### **Health and Welfare Benefits**

NEOs are also eligible to participate in our health and welfare plans, including medical and dental benefits, a 401(k) savings plan (with matching contributions by the company up to a specified annual limit), and a limited life insurance benefit (with the ability to purchase additional coverage without company contribution), among other benefits. These plans are available on the same basis to all of our regular employees who satisfy minimum eligibility requirements.

#### **PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**

# Annual Compensation and Talent Committee Decisions

The Compensation and Talent Committee makes all final determinations regarding executive officer compensation, including salary and equity and nonequity incentive compensation targets and performance goals. Committee decisions on annual executive compensation for 2023 were made in the first quarter of 2023, after considering each executive's role and responsibilities, performance evaluations, their tenure and experience in their current role, their future potential, our business needs, recommendations presented by management, compensation data from comparable companies obtained from management's compensation consultant and other third parties, and analyses performed by our compensation department and/or consultants. Our CEO participates in certain committee meetings to discuss significant compensation issues with the committee or to provide recommendations to the committee regarding the compensation of other executive officers. The committee's executive compensation decisions thus represent the culmination of extensive analysis and discussion between the committee and management, including our CEO, our Chief Human Resources Officer, and members of our compensation and law departments. The committee routinely reports to the full Board on compensation and other human capital management matters, including talent, generally after each regularly scheduled committee meeting.

The committee delegates to management the day-to-day implementation of compensation programs for employees who are not executive officers, subject to the terms of plans approved by the committee or the Board. Generally, however, we seek to offer a consistent compensation program across our company, and as a result, determinations made by the committee on executive compensation, such as performance goals under our Gainshare program, generally apply to other employees as well. The committee has the authority under its charter to hire its own compensation consultants and legal advisors, at our expense. During 2023, the committee retained Semler Brossy to advise the committee with respect to certain aspects of executive officer and director compensation, including advising on the use of comparative publicly held companies and providing input on the proposed 2024 Equity Incentive Plan, and to provide regular updates to the committee on general market and industry trends in executive compensation.

## **Compensation Comparisons**

Our executive compensation program is market-based and is designed to be competitive with other compensation opportunities available to executives. However, compensation comparisons alone do not drive the Compensation and Talent Committee's decisions, which result from a number of factors described above that can be different for individual executives, can vary from year to year, and include a number of qualitative and quantitative judgments. Compensation comparisons are one factor in this analysis.

For annual compensation decisions, the following executive compensation survey data and statistical analyses, provided by management's compensation consultant, Pay Governance LLC, were used for Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Sauerland:

- Proxy statement data for 13 publicly held insurance and financial services companies with comparable revenues between \$14.2 billion and \$71.0 billion;
- Survey data published by Willis Towers Watson and Radford Global Compensation Database of companies with revenues greater than \$20.0 billion; and
- Proxy statement data for 27 public companies within close proximity to Progressive on the Fortune 500 list.

The first category included publicly held insurance and financial service companies, which represent potential competitors for our executive talent. We included companies with comparable total revenues, rather than total assets, due to significant asset size differences between insurance companies writing different types of insurance products. For 2023, the companies in this category are listed below in descending order according to total revenue for 2022.

MetLife, Inc.
Prudential Financial, Inc.
American International Group, Inc.
American Express Company
The Allstate Corporation
The Progressive Corporation
Chubb Limited
The Travelers Companies, Inc.
Capital One Financial Corporation
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.
Aflac Incorporated
Lincoln National Corporation
Principal Financial Group, Inc.
Loews Corporation

The remaining two categories included a large number of companies from many industries. Similar to the Fortune 500 approach, we segment survey data based on company revenues and not total assets, given significant differences in asset requirements across various industries. Further, we do not generally recruit senior management level talent from other insurance companies, and our executives have employment opportunities with companies doing business in a variety of industries. As a result, we view the broad range of companies to be an appropriate reflection of the marketplace for the services of our executives.

With respect to Mr. Callahan, Ms. Bailo, and Mr. Murphy, published survey data was used because proxy statement data is not as readily available for these positions. For Mr. Callahan, our Personal Lines President, and Ms. Bailo, our Commercial Lines President, survey data published by Willis Towers Watson and Radford Global Compensation Database, which included public companies with revenue scopes similar to these business units was used. The comparison for Mr. Murphy, our Claims President, was obtained from survey data published by Mercer PCICS, which included property and casualty claims executives at other insurance companies with direct written premium greater than \$10 billion.

In evaluating the data from these groups, we do not focus on the identity of any individual company, but are interested in the aggregate data and the range of pay. All compensation comparisons referred to in this report are based on the data for these comparison groups. The comparisons were provided to the committee in December 2022 and supported their discussions regarding 2023 compensation decisions for the NEOs.

# **Use of "Tally Sheets"**

When the Compensation and Talent Committee is considering annual compensation decisions for the NEOs, the committee is provided with information showing, for each NEO, the total target and maximum compensation (salary, annual cash incentive potential, and equity-based award values) proposed to be awarded to such executive for the upcoming year, along with tally sheets for each NEO summarizing recent total target and realized compensation, providing details with respect to outstanding equity awards and share ownership. These tally sheets are used by the committee to review each NEO's current compensation level and to enable meaningful comparisons to the compensation paid to similar executives at comparable companies. This is one way that the committee monitors and assesses the reasonableness of its annual compensation decisions for each NEO.

In addition, at least annually, the committee reviews summaries of the potential payments that would be made to each NEO upon the occurrence of various events, such as termination, retirement, or a change in control. These tally sheets allow the committee to see all of the potential payouts that the NEO could be eligible to receive in addition to annual compensation awards. Such payouts may arise from a number of sources, depending on the event triggering the payments, including: the executive's prior service and earnings (such as distributions from deferral accounts); payments triggered by an employment termination (severance); or an acceleration of a vesting event that otherwise would not have occurred, if at all, until a future date (for example, a "change in control"). The committee thus is able to understand and monitor the amount of such potential payouts in each scenario, and to distinguish the source of individual components of such payouts.

To the extent that these payments arise from an NEO's prior earnings (such as distributions from deferral accounts), the committee generally does not factor those payments into compensation decisions, since those amounts were previously earned in full by the executive, the value of the account has increased or decreased over time based on their investment elections, and we have made no subsequent contributions to increase the value of these accounts. To the extent that these payments arise from performance measures established in prior years, the committee generally does not view such payments negatively either, since the amount and timing is dependent on whether and when the company achieves the stated performance goals and the executive's services that helped lead to the achievements. Potential severance payments and acceleration events, on the other hand, are monitored by the committee to ensure that they are reasonable and appropriate in the applicable scenarios.

# Internal Pay Equity; Wealth Accumulation

We do not use "internal pay equity" or "wealth accumulation" analyses to limit compensation paid to the CEO or other NEOs. Such systems typically put a ceiling on part or all of an executive's compensation based on considerations such as the amount of compensation paid to another executive or employee or the value of awards previously made to the executive in question. Management and the committee believe that these types of limitations are not an appropriate way to make compensation decisions for our executives and would be contrary to the interests of the company and our shareholders. Instead, our focus is to make appropriate executive compensation decisions annually, so that executives are paid at competitive levels with a

significant "at-risk," performance-based component that is commensurate with the executive's responsibilities.

# No Tax "Gross-Up" Payments

We do not provide tax gross-up payments in connection with an executive officer's compensation, severance, change-in-control payments, perquisites, or other benefits provided by us. Minor exceptions to this rule may arise under terms that apply to all of our employees; for example, any employee, including an executive officer, who receives taxable benefits from us under our relocation program is entitled to receive payments to defray the related tax obligation.

# Effect of Any Future Financial Restatement; Recoupment

The terms of our cash incentive programs and performance-based equity awards allow us to recoup payments and vested awards from our executive officers, including our NEOs, pursuant to our Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy and other recoupment provisions in a number of instances related to the restatement of applicable operating or financial results. For additional information concerning these recoupment rights, including limitations on those rights, see "– 2023 Decisions and Awards – Clawback Provisions."

# **Equity Ownership Guidelines for Executives**

Within five years after becoming our CEO and at all times while serving as CEO thereafter, the CEO must acquire and hold Progressive common shares (or equivalent interests) with a minimum value of six times the CEO's salary. For the purpose of this calculation, the CEO can count shares held in our 401(k) plan and share equivalent units held in our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (EDCP), but cannot count any unvested restricted stock units.

All of the other NEOs are expected to hold meaningful amounts of Progressive equity at levels that their respective compensation and financial circumstances permit. To support this goal, each of these executive's annual compensation is heavily weighted towards equity compensation. As a result, within five years of becoming an executive officer, each of these executives is expected to hold Progressive common shares or equivalent units with a minimum value of three times the NEO's salary. For this calculation, the NEO receives credit for shares in our 401(k) plan, share equivalent units held in our EDCP and unvested time-based restricted stock units. The NEO cannot count any unvested performance-based restricted stock units.

Management and the committee believe that equity holdings under these guidelines, as well as additional, voluntary holdings by executive officers in our equity, 401(k), and deferral plans, or in their personal accounts, appropriately ensure that the interests of management will be aligned with those of our shareholders. As of January 31, 2024, Mrs. Griffith and each of the other NEOs satisfied the applicable guideline.

# Prohibitions on Derivatives and Hedging Transactions

Under our insider trading policy, our executive officers and directors are prohibited from making any "short sales" of our common shares and from purchasing, selling, or writing exchange-traded or over-the-counter options (including puts and calls) on our common shares. Our executive officers and directors are also prohibited from entering into any transaction in derivatives or other instruments that are based on or relate to our common shares or any other Progressive security and from buying, selling, or trading any financial instrument (such as a variable forward contract, equity swap, credit default swap, collar, or exchange fund), or initiating or participating in any other transaction that is designed or intended to hedge against, or profit from, a decrease in the market value of our common shares or any other Progressive security.

# **Prohibition on Pledges**

Our executive officers and directors are prohibited from pledging their Progressive common shares as collateral for any loan, including a margin loan. We are not aware of any pledge of Progressive common shares by a director or executive officer.

# **Timing of Annual Equity Awards**

We expect that, consistent with our actions for many years, annual equity awards will be made in March of each year, unless a legal or plan requirement causes us to adopt a change for a specific year. March is considered appropriate for annual awards because it follows shortly after annual performance evaluations and salary adjustments for executives and other equity eligible employees, thus providing an administratively convenient time to calculate the awards and communicate them to the recipients. In addition, the timing in March follows the publication of our annual report for the prior year and, typically, the publication of our financial results for the first two months of the year, ensuring that up-to-date public information concerning the company is available in the marketplace at that time. Historically, interim awards generally have been made to an executive officer at the time of appointment to or promotion within the executive team or in a few instances when the committee deemed a special award to be appropriate; any such interim or special award to an executive officer would require the approval of the Compensation and Talent Committee.

#### **RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits to \$1 million per year (the deduction limit) the deduction allowed for federal income tax purposes for compensation paid to "covered employees." That term includes the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, and the three other most highly compensated executives, and any individual who meets the definition of "covered employee" in 2018 or any later tax year. Each of the NEOs is now a covered employee and Progressive will not be able to deduct any compensation paid to them for any taxable year in excess of \$1 million. In 2023, compensation that did not qualify exceeded the deduction limit by \$93.8 million, including \$51.2 million related to Mrs. Griffith's compensation.

The committee has not discontinued or changed any component of the compensation program that has a potential negative impact under Section 162(m), since it believes that the overall program is appropriate and in the interests of shareholders.

#### Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code sets forth requirements for non-qualified deferred compensation arrangements. These requirements apply to deferrals of compensation earned or vested after 2004. If deferrals do not comply with the requirements, the amount deferred is immediately included in the individual's taxable income, and the individual is subject to an additional 20% tax plus interest, even if the actual payment of value to the individual might be delayed for years under the applicable plan or award. We seek to draft our compensation plans in a manner that provides an exemption from Section 409A or complies with Section 409A requirements.

# **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following Compensation Committee Report does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Progressive filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent Progressive specifically incorporates this Report by reference therein.

The Compensation and Talent Committee of the Board of Directors of The Progressive Corporation has reviewed and discussed with Progressive's management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth above. Based on the review and discussions noted above, the Compensation and Talent Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in Progressive's Proxy Statement for 2024, and incorporated by reference into Progressive's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023.

COMPENSATION AND TALENT COMMITTEE Roger N. Farah, *Chair* Pamela J. Craig Barbara R. Snyder

## COMPENSATION PROGRAMS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

We believe that our compensation plans and incentives are designed so that employees are not encouraged to take inappropriate risks. We also believe our compensation plans include appropriate risk control mechanisms, along with the applicable profit margin, growth, or other performance goals. The criteria used to calculate annual cash incentive payments under our Gainshare program, as well as the goals under our performance-based equity awards that measure insurance results, reward the achievement of challenging growth goals, but only if our profitability is within specified levels. Under our Gainshare program, moreover, these performance measures are applied on a companywide basis, ensuring that all of our employees are motivated to pursue the same strategic goals.

In addition, we have an annual cash incentive program for our investment professionals (including our Chief Investment Officer), who actively manage our fixedincome portfolio. The primary constraints on the risks inherent in our fixed-income portfolio are our internal investment guidelines relating to credit quality, duration, issuer concentration, and other parameters, which are approved by the Board's Investment and Capital Committee. Within this framework, our annual cash incentive plan compares the total return of our fixed-income portfolio against the results achieved by comparable firms in an investment benchmark for the current year and over the trailing three-year period to determine an indicated performance score. The Compensation and Talent Committee, in its discretion, can accept the indicated performance factor, or increase or decrease it, based on its evaluation of our fixed-income investment performance for the year; annual incentive payments for our investment professionals are then adjusted accordingly. We believe that this combination of investment guidelines and one- and three-year performance comparisons, with an overlay of Compensation and Talent Committee discretion to monitor performance and

cash incentive results, appropriately addresses the risks attendant to the work of our investment professionals. We also award performance-based equity awards tied to the relative performance of our fixed-income portfolio to our CEO, CFO, Chief Investment Officer, and select portfolio managers. Under these awards, our portfolio's three-year performance is evaluated against the total returns of comparable firms over the same periods, similar to the annual cash incentive plan for our investment professionals described above. We believe that the focus on the three-year results, along with the investment constraints mentioned above, provides appropriate incentives for these executives without creating inappropriate risks.

In addition, our current cash incentive programs and performance-based equity awards allow us to recoup payments and vested awards from executive officers, pursuant to our Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy and other recoupment provisions, if the applicable operating or financial results triggering payments or vesting of the award are later restated, to the extent that such cash incentives or awards would not have been paid out based on the revised operating or financial results. For additional information concerning these recoupment or "clawback" rights and the limitation thereon, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Clawback Provisions."

Based on these considerations, among others, we do not believe that our compensation policies and practices create risks that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

# **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The following information sets forth compensation of our named executive officers (NEOs) for 2023: our Chief Executive Officer (CEO); our Chief Financial Officer (CFO); and our three other most highly compensated executive officers.

# **SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary¹ (\$)	Stock Awards² (\$)	 Non-Equity ncentive Plan mpensation <sup>3</sup> (\$)	Con	All Other npensation <sup>4</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)
Susan Patricia Griffith President and Chief Executive Officer	2023 2022 2021	\$ 994,231 950,000 950,000	\$ 10,000,106 9,500,203 9,500,212	\$ 4,424,327 2,042,501 3,847,502	\$	217,954 256,122 165,247	\$ 15,636,618 12,748,826 14,462,961
John P. Sauerland Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2023 2022 2021	697,115 672,116 650,000	2,625,224 2,531,445 2,437,643	1,861,298 867,029 1,579,500		12,000 12,000 12,000	5,195,637 4,082,590 4,679,143
Patrick K. Callahan Personal Lines President	2023 2022 2021	647,115 622,115 594,231	2,437,619 2,343,838 2,100,095	1,727,798 802,529 1,443,981		12,000 12,500 12,000	4,824,532 3,780,982 4,150,307
Karen B. Bailo Commercial Lines President	2023 2022 2021	594,231 550,000 400,000	1,500,148 1,375,024 900,157	1,057,731 473,000 648,000		12,000 12,000 12,000	3,164,110 2,410,024 1,960,157
John Murphy Claims President	2023 2022 2021	576,539 550,000 496,154	1,450,083 1,375,024 1,125,128	1,026,239 473,000 803,769		12,000 12,750 12,000	3,064,861 2,410,774 2,437,051

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amounts may differ from the salary amounts reported in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Salaries" as salary changes are typically implemented in February of each year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents grant date fair value of restricted stock unit awards for each year. Grant date fair value is measured using the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant. With regard to performance-based awards, the grant date fair value represents the target value; however, the ultimate value to the NEO can be higher or lower depending on performance. See "– Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End" for further discussion. The following table represents the value of performance-based awards at grant date assuming the maximum level of performance were to be achieved.

Name		Grant Date Fair Value (Maximum Performance)		
Susan Patricia Griffith	2023 2022 2021	\$ 22,000,179 16,150,367 16,150,288		
John P. Sauerland	2023 2022 2021	4,655,368 4,489,006 4,322,660		
Patrick K. Callahan	2023 2022 2021	4,469,014 4,297,017 3,750,203		
Karen B. Bailo	2023 2022 2021	2,250,153 2,062,535 1,250,263		
John Murphy	2023 2022 2021	2,175,055 2,062,535 1,562,603		

For the terms of awards granted in 2023, see "– Grants of Plan-Based Awards" and "– Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table" below. Also, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," as well as *Note* 9 – *Employee Benefit Plans* in our 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders for further discussion of the restricted stock unit awards and our recognition of expense relating to such awards.

- <sup>3</sup> For 2023, amounts were earned exclusively under The Progressive Corporation 2023 Gainshare Plan (Gainshare Plan) for all NEOs. Non-equity incentive plan compensation earned by these executives with respect to 2023 was paid (if not deferred by the NEO) in early 2024. Amounts reported include, if applicable, compensation that was deferred under our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (EDCP). Further discussion of these plans is included in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "– Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table," and "– Nonqualified Deferred Compensation."
- <sup>4</sup> All Other Compensation for 2023 is comprised of the following:

Name	401(k) Employer Contributions <sup>a</sup>	Perquisites <sup>b</sup>	Other
Susan Patricia Griffith	\$12,000	\$205,204	\$750
John P. Sauerland	12,000	_	_
Patrick K. Callahan	12,000	_	_
Karen B. Bailo	12,000	_	_
John Murphy	12,000	_	_

- <sup>a</sup> Represents employer matching contributions made during 2023 under our 401(k) plan. Amounts contributed are based on level of employee contribution, with a maximum annual employer contribution of \$12,000.
- b Includes \$150,518 in incremental costs for Mrs. Griffith's personal use of our company airplane. We calculate incremental costs to include the cost of fuel and oil per flight; trip-related inspections, repairs, and maintenance; crew travel expenses; on-board catering; trip-related flight planning services; landing, parking, and hangar fees; supplies; passenger ground transportation; and other variable costs. Since the airplane is used primarily for business travel, we do not include the fixed costs that do not change based on personal usage, such as pilots' salaries, the depreciation of the airplane, and the cost of maintenance not related to personal trips. In addition, the perquisite amount includes \$18,566 in incremental costs attributable to the personal use of a company-owned vehicle by Mrs. Griffith, which is primarily used for commuting to and from work. This also includes a \$36,120 payment of a regulatory filing fee and related legal expenses paid with respect to a pre-merger notification filing under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. For more information, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis Other Elements of Compensation Perquisites."
- Reflects a service anniversary award paid for each five-year anniversary of employment with the company, under a program applicable to all employees.

#### **GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS**

The following table summarizes annual cash incentive awards (non-equity incentive plan awards) that were eligible to be earned by our NEOs with respect to 2023 and equity awards granted to our NEOs during 2023. Each restricted stock unit is equivalent in value to one common share.

			Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards¹			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			
Name	Grant Date	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)	of Equity Awards <sup>2</sup> (\$)	
Susan Patricia Griffith	NA	0	\$2,485,577	\$4,971,154					
	3/20/2023					7,191 <sup>3</sup>		\$1,000,052	
	3/20/2023				0 4	64,716 4	158,195 4	9,000,054	
John P. Sauerland	NA	0	1,045,673	2,091,346					
	3/20/2023					5,034 <sup>3</sup>		700,078	
	3/20/2023				0 4	13,843 4	33,475 4	1,925,146	
Patrick K. Callahan	NA	0	970,673	1,941,346					
	3/20/2023					4,674 <sup>3</sup>		650,013	
	3/20/2023				0 4	12,854 4	32,135 4	1,787,606	
Karen B. Bailo	NA	0	594,231	1,188,462					
	3/20/2023					4,315 <sup>3</sup>		600,087	
	3/20/2023				0 4	6,472 4	16,180 4	900,061	
John Murphy	NA	0	576,539	1,153,078					
	3/20/2023					4,171 <sup>3</sup>		580,061	
	3/20/2023				0 4	6,256 4	15,640 4	870,022	

#### NA = Not applicable

- 1 The amount of non-equity incentive plan compensation earned by the NEOs under the Gainshare Plan with respect to 2023 is included in the "– Summary Compensation Table." Further description of both the non-equity and equity incentive plan awards is provided in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and in the "– Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table."
- <sup>2</sup> Awards were granted under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2015 Plan) and are valued at the closing price of our common shares on the applicable date of grant, which was \$139.07 for March 20, 2023. The target amount of performance-based restricted stock unit awards granted is used to determine grant date fair value.
- <sup>3</sup> Represents the number of shares covered by time-based restricted stock unit awards.
- <sup>4</sup> Represents the number of shares covered by performance-based restricted stock unit awards. Except as otherwise noted in this footnote 4, these awards measure growth of our vehicle insurance businesses against each respective market's growth and will vest from 0-250% of the target award, only if and when pre-established performance goals are attained.

As part of their annual awards, Mrs. Griffith received 7,191 units and Mr. Sauerland received 2,266 units in the form of performance-based awards that measure the performance of our fixed-income portfolio returns against a benchmark peer group. These awards can vest from 0-200% of the target award only if and when pre-established performance goals are attained.

# NARRATIVE DISCLOSURE TO SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLANBASED AWARDS TABLE

Salary For 2023, salary comprised approximately 6% of total compensation for Mrs. Griffith, 13% for both Mr. Sauerland and Mr. Callahan, and 19% for both Ms. Bailo and Mr. Murphy. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Salaries" above for more information.

Equity Incentive Plan Awards In 2023, all of the equity incentive awards were granted pursuant to our 2015 Plan. We granted both time-based and performance-based restricted stock unit awards to each of the NEOs.

Restricted stock units entitle the holder to receive, upon the satisfaction of all requirements for vesting and the lapse of any other restrictions, one Progressive common share in exchange for each unit vesting. Units do not have voting rights, but are entitled to dividend equivalent payments at the same rate and time dividends are paid to holders of our common shares; those dividend equivalent payments are reinvested into additional restricted stock units, which will vest only if, when, and to the extent that the underlying restricted stock unit vests.

During March 2023, each of the NEOs received a time-based restricted stock unit award. These time-based awards are scheduled to vest in equal installments in January of 2026, 2027, and 2028, provided that the executive remains an employee through that time. The Compensation and Talent Committee also granted annual performance-based restricted stock units to these NEOs in March 2023, which were tied to the operating performance of our insurance businesses. Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Sauerland also received an additional performance-based award tied to the performance of our fixed-income investment portfolio, as further described below.

For the performance-based restricted stock unit awards tied to the operating performance of our insurance businesses, the awards have a performance goal that compares our growth to industry growth over the performance period (2023 through 2025) and includes a restriction on vesting based on a profitability requirement. For the performance-based restricted stock unit awards tied to the performance of our fixed-income portfolio, the awards have a performance goal that measures the return of our fixed-income portfolio, which is actively managed by our investment professionals, over a three-year period (2023 through 2025), against the returns of a set of comparable investment firms.

All restricted stock unit awards granted during 2023 are subject to potentially accelerated vesting pursuant to the "change in control" provisions in the 2015 Plan. See "— Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" for further discussion of these plan provisions.

The performance-based restricted stock unit awards granted in 2023 are subject to recoupment by Progressive under certain circumstances. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Clawback Provisions."

Non-Equity Incentive Compensation Non-equity incentive compensation for the NEOs with respect to 2023 was available under the 2023 Gainshare Plan. Amounts earned under this plan are included as Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in the "— Summary Compensation Table."

Under the Gainshare Plan, the Gainshare Factor was determined for all NEOs after the end of the year based on our actual operating performance for that year, when compared to objective criteria previously established by the Compensation and Talent Committee in the first quarter of the year. The executive's incentive payment would equal the target Gainshare amount if the applicable Gainshare Factor equaled a 1.00 for the year. Each executive had to be employed on November 30th of 2023 to receive an incentive payment for the year. Annual incentive payments to all NEOs were paid in February 2024, after the appropriate approvals and certifications were received from the committee.

The Gainshare Factor for the core business units for 2023 was calculated by reference to separate Gainshare matrices established by the committee in the first quarter of the year for each business unit. Each matrix assigned a performance score between zero and 2.00 to various combinations of growth and profitability for the applicable business unit. In 2023, the final Gainshare Factor determined according to these criteria was 1.78. For more information about the target percentages for the NEOs and the calculation of the Gainshare Factor, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Annual Cash Incentive Payments (Gainshare)."

Under the Gainshare Plan, incentive payments made to the NEOs are subject to recoupment by Progressive in certain circumstances. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Clawback Provisions."

#### **OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END**

The following table summarizes the unvested restricted equity awards outstanding at December 31, 2023, all of which were granted under our 2015 Plan. The value of the equity awards was calculated using \$159.28 per share, the closing price of Progressive common shares on the last business day of 2023.

	Stock or Unit Awards <sup>1</sup>					
Name	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)²	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Units That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Value of Unearned Units That Have Not Vested (\$)		
Susan Patricia Griffith	80,968	\$12,896,583	22,174 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 3,531,875		
			482,737 4	76,890,349		
John P. Sauerland	22,099	3,519,929	5,081 <sup>3</sup>	809,302		
			121,504 4	19,353,157		
Patrick K. Callahan	_	_	25,678 <sup>3</sup>	4,089,992		
			114,180 4	18,186,590		
Karen B. Bailo	13,911	2,215,744	4,604 3	733,325		
			49,329 4	7,857,123		
John Murphy	_	_	21,769 <sup>3</sup>	3,467,366		
			52,329 4	8,334,963		

<sup>1</sup> Amounts include restricted stock unit awards and related dividend equivalents, which are rounded to a whole unit.

<sup>3</sup> Represents time-based restricted stock unit awards for each NEO. The table below presents the applicable vesting dates for those awards (certain events may cause earned but unvested shares to vest earlier; see "- Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" for further discussion).

Name	1/1/24	1/16/24	1/1/25	1/21/25	1/20/26	1/19/27	1/18/28
Susan Patricia Griffith	22,174	10,771	15,279	19,494	21,896	11,126	2,402
John P. Sauerland	5,081	2,456	3,485	4,523	6,205	3,748	1,682
Patrick K. Callahan	5,503	2,267	2,949	4,180	5,742	3,475	1,562
Karen B. Bailo	2,522	1,512	2,083	3,195	4,637	3,125	1,441
John Murphy	4,456	1,890	2,413	3,573	4,967	3,077	1,393

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents time-based restricted equity awards that have been earned under the "qualified retirement" provisions of the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (see "– Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control – Qualified Retirement Provisions Under Equity Plan"); such shares will vest upon the earlier of the vesting dates defined in the restricted equity award agreements (see table below) or the NEO's separation from the company.

<sup>4</sup> The following table presents, as of December 31, 2023, the number of unvested performance-based restricted stock units, including reinvested dividend equivalent units, for each of the NEOs, by year of grant. The number of units shown reflects either the target amount of units, or the maximum number of units for each individual award that comprises the total that can vest, depending on the company's expectations, as described in the applicable note below.

Name	2021	2022	2023
Susan Patricia Griffith	183,098	148,294	151,345
John P. Sauerland	49,007	41,218	31,279
Patrick K. Callahan	42,517	39,455	32,208
Karen B. Bailo	14,174	18,938	16,217
John Murphy	17,716	18,938	15,675

Following are the performance criteria that must be achieved to enable the performance-based restricted stock unit awards to vest for the year of grant indicated. Pursuant to applicable regulations, expectations above the minimum threshold level, but at or below target, are shown at target and expectations of vesting above the target level are shown at the maximum potential vesting.

Туре	Measurement Period	Vesting Range	Combined Ratio	Growth Rate Over Base	Reported Value	Expiration Date
Performance versus Marketa						
2021	1/1/21-12/31/23	0-250%	96	Varies	Max	1/31/2026
2022	1/1/22-12/31/24	0-250%	96	Varies	Max	1/31/2027
2023	1/1/23-12/31/25	0-250%	96	0-3.5%	Max	1/31/2028
Investment <sup>b</sup>						
2021°	1/1/21-12/31/23	0-200%	NA	NA	Max	3/15/2024
2022	1/1/22-12/31/24	0-200%	NA	NA	Max	3/15/2025
2023	1/1/23-12/31/25	0-200%	NA	NA	Target	3/15/2026

NA = Not applicable

Note: The vesting provisions for the 2023 awards are discussed in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Equity Awards," and the vesting provisions for the 2021 and 2022 awards (other than actual vesting dates) have the same structure, except that the 2021 and 2022 Performance versus Market awards measure the growth of three business lines (private passenger auto, commercial auto, and homeowners multiple-peril).

- <sup>a</sup> At December 31, 2023, the company's expectation for each award is based on our performance through 2023, industry growth rates for the applicable performance period to the extent available, and our estimates of each for the remainder of the performance period.
- <sup>b</sup> At December 31, 2023, the company's expectation for each award is based on our performance through 2023, the performance of the peer group during the applicable performance period to the extent available, and our estimates of each for the remainder of the performance period.
- <sup>c</sup> This award vested at a factor of 134% out of a possible 200% in March 2024.

#### **OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED**

The following table summarizes the vesting of restricted stock unit awards during 2023. Vesting values reflect considerable stock appreciation from the date of grant. For example, the stock price at original grant (March 2020) of the performance-based restricted stock units that vested on November 27, 2023, was \$67.04 versus a stock price of \$163.74 at vesting. The units that vested included dividend equivalent units valued at various other prices during the performance period; all of those prices were lower than the stock price at vesting. In addition, a vesting factor of 2.45 was achieved under the performance-based restricted stock unit awards that vested on November 27, 2023.

	Stock Awards		
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting <sup>1</sup> (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)	
Susan Patricia Griffith	299,425	\$46,828,744	
John P. Sauerland	86,857	13,315,273	
Patrick K. Callahan	51,489	8,152,273	
Karen B. Bailo	6,520	963,863	
John Murphy	28,795	4,488,127	

<sup>1</sup> The following table summarizes the number of time-based and/or performance-based restricted stock units, including dividend equivalent units, if applicable, that vested on various dates during the year. Our performance-based restricted stock unit awards vested either when the Compensation and Talent Committee certified that the performance criteria were achieved for the awards based on investment performance (February 21, 2023) or when the Compensation and Talent Committee certified that the company's growth exceeded industry growth and also satisfied the predetermined profit requirement for awards based on market performance (November 27, 2023).

	Vesting Date Value at Vesting	1/3/2023 \$ 129.53	2/21/2023 \$ 142.38	11/27/2023 \$ 163.74
	Туре	ТВ	PB	PB
Name	Performance Factor	NA	1.84	2.45
Susan Patricia Griffith		46,767	28,051	224,607
John P. Sauerland		24,104	3,840	58,913
Patrick K. Callahan		8,142	_	43,347
Karen B. Bailo		3,030	_	3,490
John Murphy		6,629	_	22,166

NA = Not applicable for time-based awards

TB = Time-based

PB = Performance-based

#### NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes amounts contributed to, earned within, and distributed from the EDCP during 2023, as well as each NEO's aggregate balance in the EDCP at December 31, 2023. Participation in the EDCP is voluntary; deferral elections are made annually for both non-equity incentive compensation and annual restricted equity awards.

Name	Contrib	executive utions in scal Year (\$)	Contrib	egistrant outions in scal Year <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Aggrega Earnin (Losses) Last Fiscal Ye	gs in	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions <sup>2</sup> (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End <sup>3</sup> (\$)
Susan Patricia Griffith	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 211,6	52 \$	S —	\$ 1,291,136
John P. Sauerland		_		_	52,3	35	167,867	179,236
Patrick K. Callahan		_		_	2,768,6	23	_	15,656,966
Karen B. Bailo		473,000		_	246,4	18	_	2,550,424
John Murphy				_	72,0	29	_	481,697

- 1 Progressive makes no supplemental contributions to the EDCP in the year of deferral or in subsequent years.
- <sup>2</sup> Represents scheduled distributions based on the applicable executive's elections made in prior years.
- 3 Amounts represent the accumulation of previously deferred non-equity incentive compensation awards or restricted equity awards, both time-based or performance-based, together with earnings on deemed investments. For Mr. Callahan, Ms. Bailo, and Mr. Murphy, the amounts recorded in our "- Summary Compensation Table" for previous years were \$2,777,037, \$473,000, and \$443,077, respectively, which represents amounts deferred into the EDCP. A portion of the amounts may have been distributed to these executives; no other NEO had deferred amounts reported in the "- Summary Compensation Table."

The NEOs employed prior to the beginning of a calendar year can defer all or part of the annual cash incentive payments earned under the Gainshare Plan, as well as all of their annual restricted equity awards (but not dividend equivalent units). Amounts equal to the deferred incentive payments or restricted equity awards are credited under the EDCP at the time that the incentive payment otherwise would be paid to the participant or the restricted equity awards otherwise would vest. The plan has 17 mutual funds, as well as Progressive common shares, as deemed investment choices. The participant selects the deemed investment choices for contributions and transfers: however, fund transfers are limited and restricted equity awards granted in or after March 2005 are automatically deemed invested in Progressive common shares until the date of distribution under the plan. We make no matching contributions or additional deposits on behalf of any participant. Any earnings are a result of an executive's deemed investment choices.

We have established an irrevocable grantor trust to provide a source of funds to assist us in meeting our liabilities under the EDCP. To secure our future payment obligations to participants, we deposit amounts equal to deferred cash incentive payments or restricted equity awards into the trust and the trust holds investments equivalent in kind and number to

the aggregate deemed investment elections selected by participants. The rights of participants and their beneficiaries under the EDCP are merely unsecured contractual rights against us. Participants have no proprietary rights or interests in the trust's assets, including any securities that are held by the trust, all of which remain subject to the claims of our general creditors. We do not guarantee any specific rate of return to participants who defer amounts into the EDCP. For the year ended December 31, 2023, returns for the EDCP's deemed investment choices ranged from 5.09% to 46.78%.

Distributions from the EDCP are made in accordance with an election made by the participant prior to earning the deferred award. Distributions are made in a lump-sum or in three, five, or ten annual installments, beginning at the earlier of the date selected by the participant or upon termination of employment. For deferrals made after 2004, distributions resulting from termination of employment begin six months after the participant leaves the company. In addition, distributions may be triggered by certain "change in control" events. All distributions are made in cash, with the exception of deferred restricted equity awards granted in or after March 2005, which are distributed in common shares.

#### POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL

The following table highlights the benefits that generally may be received by our NEOs, as well as other employees who participate in the applicable benefit plans, when certain events occur that result either in termination of employment or a change in control of the company.

	Potential Payments The Executive is Eligible to Receive1:				
			Under Equity P	lan	
If This Triggering Event Occurs:	Severance Benefits	Change in Control Benefits <sup>2</sup>	Qualified Retirement Benefits	Other Termination Provisions	Payments under EDCP <sup>3</sup>
Involuntary termination (without cause)	✓				1
Voluntary separation (including nonqualified retirement)				✓	1
Retirement – qualified (as defined in the plan) <sup>4</sup>			1		1
Termination for cause					✓
Change in control, no loss of employment					✓
Change in control and involuntary termination (without cause) or resignation due to a significant job change	✓	✓			1
Death			1	/	1

- <sup>1</sup> This table is intended as a general summary only. This table excludes amounts attributable to any accrued but unpaid base salary, sick leave, and/or paid time off, if applicable. An executive's eligibility to receive any of the benefits outlined in this table may be subject to certain criteria, conditions, or other requirements as set forth in the applicable plan documents or related agreements. See below for additional discussions.
- <sup>2</sup> The 2015 Plan has a double trigger provision. See "- Change-in-Control Provisions Under Equity Plan" for additional information.
- <sup>3</sup> An executive will be entitled to receive payments under the EDCP only if the executive deferred compensation under the EDCP. See "– Nonqualified Deferred Compensation" for additional information.
- 4 Under our outstanding equity awards, as discussed below, a "qualified retirement" excludes any termination of employment for cause (as defined in the 2015 Plan). However, for some awards the same event can be treated as a "qualified retirement" under our 2015 Plan and an involuntary termination without cause under our severance plan.

The significant provisions of our executive separation allowance (severance) plan, as well as the provisions of our 2015 Plan involving "change in control," "qualified retirement," and death benefits, are discussed in more detail below. Payments to be made under our EDCP upon an executive's termination of employment or a "change in control" are discussed under "– Nonqualified Deferred Compensation." We do not provide other benefits that are triggered by an NEO's termination or retirement or by a change in control, except for our 401(k) plan (which is available to all employees) or those required by law (such as postemployment medical insurance coverage under COBRA).

Severance Plan Our executive separation allowance plan is designed to provide executives with well-defined financial payments if we ask the executive to leave under certain circumstances. The plan covers our NEOs, other executive officers, and all other equity-eligible employees.

Among other terms and conditions, we will generally pay a separation allowance (severance) payment to an eligible executive if:

 the executive's employment terminates for reasons other than resignation (including

- retirement), death, disability, leave of absence, or discharge for cause (as defined in the plan), or the executive resigns within a specific period of time following any change in the executive's job duties that is deemed significant by Progressive; and
- the employee signs a termination and release agreement as required by the plan.

The amount of the severance payment will vary among employees based on position and years of service. Based on tenure, each of our NEOs would receive severance payments equal to three times the executive's annual base salary only at the time of termination. Cash incentive payments, bonuses, equity awards, perguisites, and other compensation are excluded from the severance calculation. In addition, under the plan, the NEO would be entitled to continue medical, dental, and vision benefits for a period not to exceed 18 months at our cost, except that they would be required to make contributions to the cost of those benefits to the same extent as the executive did prior to termination. The NEO would also be eligible to receive outplacement services following separation with an estimated value of \$13,000.

In addition, the plan provides that eligible NEOs will have the right to receive a severance payment in accordance with the formula described above, if after any change in control of Progressive, either:

- the NEO's employment is terminated for reasons other than resignation (including retirement), death, disability, leave of absence, or discharge for cause (as defined in the plan); or
- the NEO resigns due to a job change for "good reason."

This plan defines "change in control" and "good reason" the same as those terms are defined in the 2015 Plan, which is described below.

In the event of a termination of employment of any of our NEOs due to a resignation (including retirement), death, disability, leave of absence, or discharge for cause (as defined in the plan), no separation allowance would be payable under the executive separation allowance plan.

The following table summarizes for each of the NEOs the severance payments that would have been made to the NEOs, and the estimated value of health and welfare benefits for which the NEO would have been eligible, if the executive had separated from Progressive at December 31, 2023, under circumstances requiring payments under the executive separation allowance plan:

Name	Amount of Severance Payment (\$)	Value of Health Benefits (\$)
Susan Patricia Griffith	\$3,000,000	\$26,779
John P. Sauerland	2,100,000	26,779
Patrick K. Callahan	1,950,000	26,779
Karen B. Bailo	1,800,000	23,044
John Murphy	1,740,000	26,779

Change-in-Control Provisions Under Equity Plan
Benefits also may be provided under our 2015 Plan to
holders of equity awards, including our NEOs, if a
change in control occurs. All equity awards currently
outstanding were granted under the 2015 Plan.

The 2015 Plan has a "double-trigger" change-in-control provision. Unless an award provides otherwise, the award will not accelerate or be paid out upon a change in control if the outstanding award is honored, assumed, or replaced with a new right that complies with the terms of

the change-in-control provisions in the 2015 Plan, including providing substantially identical terms and substantially equivalent economic terms. If the awards are not honored, assumed, or replaced, as described above, they will vest immediately prior to a change in control and each restricted stock unit award will be cashed out, at fair market value, with any performancebased awards deemed to have been earned at the higher of target or a multiple of target based on the level of achievement through the date of the change in control. if determinable. Any honored, assumed, or replacement award will vest after a change in control if, within 24 months after the change in control, the individual is terminated by the surviving entity other than for cause (as defined in the plan) or the individual terminates employment for good reason. If vesting is accelerated, performance-based awards will be considered to be earned at the higher of target (if applicable) or a multiple based on the level of achievement through the termination date, if determinable.

The definition of "change in control" in the 2015 Plan is intended to satisfy Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code and is defined as specific transactions or events, generally including (i) shareholder approval of a liquidation or dissolution, (ii) acquisition by an individual, entity, or group of 30% or more of the outstanding common shares or the combined voting power of the outstanding securities entitled to vote in the election of directors, unless specified exceptions are satisfied, (iii) a change in the composition of the Board such that the individuals who constituted the Board in May 2015 cease to constitute at least a majority of the Board (with new directors nominated for election by the Board generally treated as having been a director in May 2015), or (iv) the consummation of a reorganization, merger, consolidation, asset sale, or similar transaction unless the company's shareholders retain more than 50% of the voting power of the surviving entity, no individual, entity, or group owns 30% or more of the outstanding common shares or the combined voting power of the outstanding securities entitled to vote in the election of directors of the surviving entity, and the company's directors prior to the transaction constitute at least a majority of the board of directors of the surviving entity. "Good reason" involves an adverse employment decision affecting the NEO, such as a significant reduction in their duties or responsibilities, a decrease in their compensation, or a change in office location that would increase their commute by greater than 50 miles.

The following table quantifies the amount of each NEO's change-in-control benefits under our equity incentive plan, assuming a change in control (within the meaning of the applicable plan) had occurred and the vesting of all outstanding equity awards and payments had been required under the applicable plan on December 31, 2023:

	Payments on Unvested Restricted Stock Unit Awards/Total <sup>1</sup>
Name	(\$)
Susan Patricia Griffith	\$48,494,389
John P. Sauerland	12,482,136
Patrick K. Callahan	11,364,628
Karen B. Bailo	6,091,982
John Murphy	6,801,415

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes time-based and performance-based restricted stock unit awards, plus reinvested dividend equivalents. Performance-based awards are valued at their target amount.

Qualified Retirement Provisions Under Equity Plan

The 2015 Plan provides additional benefits in the event an NEO satisfies the Rule of 70 requirements (age 55 with at least 15 years of service or age 60 with at least 10 years of service). These benefits, as well as those related to death and disability, have changed over the past few years based upon the Compensation and Talent Committee's review of applicable market data.

Beginning with awards granted in 2021, if an NEO remains employed through the end of the calendar year in which the grant is made, when the NEO retires after satisfying the Rule of 70 requirements:

- 100% of the outstanding time-based award will vest; and
- 100% of each unvested performance-based award will be retained and will vest if, when and to the extent that the performance measures are achieved.

With respect to awards granted in 2020, when the NEO retires after satisfying the Rule of 70 requirements:

50% of each outstanding time-based award will vest.

With respect to unvested time-based awards granted in 2019:

- 50% of each award vested (or will vest) when the individual first satisfies the Rule of 70 requirements;
- the remaining half of each award will then vest only when the time-based vesting provisions set forth in the applicable award agreement are satisfied; and
- no portion of the award vests upon the participant's retirement.

The rights conferred by these provisions, among other rights, may be forfeited if the Compensation and Talent Committee determines that prior to vesting the executive has engaged in any "disqualifying activity." See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Clawback Provisions."

As of December 31, 2023, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Sauerland, and Ms. Bailo satisfied the Rule of 70 requirements under our 2015 Plan. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Callahan will not be able to satisfy the qualified retirement eligibility until 2024 and 2025, respectively. The table below shows the value of each of the eligible executive's retirement benefits if they had retired on December 31, 2023.

The amounts are valued using our closing stock price on December 31, 2023, and include reinvested dividend equivalent units payable when the underlying award vests. For the performance-based equity awards, the amounts disclosed assume that all outstanding awards vest at the maximum factor; however, the actual value depends on whether, and the extent to which, the company achieves the applicable performance goals established at the time each award was made, within the time periods permitted by the award. See the "— Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End" table for more information.

#### Value of Qualified Retirement Benefits<sup>1</sup> (As of 12/31/2023)

Name	Time-Based Equity Awards	Performance- Based Equity Awards at Maximum
Susan Patricia Griffith	\$11,748,573	\$52,784,066
John P. Sauerland	2,716,268	14,371,024
Karen B. Bailo	1,526,836	5,274,114

Awards granted in 2023 do not become a qualified retirement benefit until January 1 in the year following the calendar year in which the grant is made due to the service requirements discussed above. Had the 2023 awards been eligible for vesting as a qualified retirement benefit on December 31, 2023, Mrs. Griffith's time-based and performance-based equity awards would have increased by \$1,147,973 and \$25,254,199, respectively, Mr. Sauerland's by \$803,629 and \$5,343,875, respectively, and Ms. Bailo's by \$688,847 and \$2,582,978, respectively.

Other Termination Provisions Under Equity Plan
Under our 2015 Plan, termination of an executive for cause (as defined in the plan) will result in the forfeiture of all unvested awards. If an equity award recipient, including an NEO, ceases to be an employee prior to satisfying the Rule of 70 requirements, the employee generally would forfeit any unvested awards, both time-based and performance-based. A limited exception permits a holder of

performance-based restricted stock units (including the NEOs) whose employment is terminated (other than by the company for cause) after the end of an applicable performance period but before the award vests to retain the award but only until the first opportunity for the award to vest; at that time, the award will vest only if and to the extent that all performance measures have been satisfied. If, however, the award does not vest at that time (either because the minimum growth measures are not achieved or the profitability requirement is not satisfied), the award is forfeited.

<u>Death</u> Beginning with awards granted in 2021, if an NEO is employed through the end of the calendar year in which the grant is made, upon the death of an NEO:

- the outstanding time-based awards will vest 100%;
- with respect to performance-based awards, if the NEO dies: (i) before the end of the performance period, then the award will vest at 100% of target; or (ii) after the end of the performance period, then the award will remain outstanding and will vest if, when and to the extent that the performance measures are achieved; and
- otherwise, the restricted stock unit awards will be forfeited.

For awards granted in 2020 and earlier, upon the death of an NEO prior to the NEO satisfying the Rule of 70 requirements:

 any outstanding time-based award will vest to the extent that it would have vested if the NEO had remained employed for the 12 months following death.

With respect to awards granted in 2019, once an executive has reached the qualified retirement eligibility date, all eligible time-based awards that have not vested prior to the executive's death will be forfeited.

Unless noted above, these provisions apply equally to all participants.

If an NEO had chosen to participate in our deferral plan, following the NEO's death, the NEO's estate or beneficiaries would also be entitled to receive distributions from the EDCP.

<u>Disability Provisions Under Equity Plan</u> Beginning with awards granted in 2021, if an NEO is employed through the end of the calendar year in which the grant was made and if the NEO's employment is terminated as a result of their disability:

the outstanding time-based awards will vest 100%;

- with respect to performance-based awards, in the event the NEO's employment is terminated
  - before the end of the performance period, then the performance-based award will vest at 100% of target;
  - after the end of the performance period, then the performance-based award will remain outstanding and will vest if, when and to the extent that the performance measures are achieved; and
- generally all other restricted stock unit awards will be forfeited.

For awards granted in 2020 and earlier, no benefit was provided if an NEO's employment was terminated as a result of their disability, unless the NEO had satisfied the Rule of 70 requirements, in which case the termination was treated as a retirement.

Non-Compete Provisions Beginning with awards granted in 2021, annual restricted stock unit awards also include a non-compete provision that will restrict the NEOs from the grant date through one year following termination of employment from engaging in any competitive business activity that would risk disclosure and/or use of our confidential information.

#### **PAY RATIO DISCLOSURE**

Our employee compensation program is designed to support, reinforce, and align our Core Values with our business strategy of growth and profitability, while ensuring we can attract, motivate, and retain talented employees, at every level, who drive our success. Our compensation program, which is the result of our review of market data for our job families, consists of:

- base pay that is competitive with the range of pay for jobs with similar duties and responsibilities at other companies, and
- an annual cash incentive payment, which we refer
  to as Gainshare, that is available to nearly all
  permanent employees. As noted above, our
  Gainshare program promotes a common culture
  and rewards employees when annual business
  goals and objectives are achieved. The payout can
  range from zero to 2.00x the target, which is a
  stated percentage of base pay. Under the
  Gainshare Plan, the target percentage is typically:
  - 0 8% for administrative support and entry level professionals;
  - 8 20% for senior professionals and managers; and
  - 20 150% for senior managers and senior executives, other than the CEO.

The SEC rules for identifying the median employee and calculating that employee's annual total compensation allows companies to make reasonable assumptions and estimates, to apply a variety of methodologies and exclusions that reflect their compensation practices.

To identify our median employee, as of December 31, 2023, we used the Medicare taxable wages as reported on the 2023 Form W-2 for all employees (other than the CEO) that were continuously employed for the entire calendar year. For permanent employees hired during 2023, base pay and Gainshare payments were annualized to provide comparability. After we identified the median employee, we determined their total compensation in a manner consistent with the determination of the total shown for our CEO in the "— Summary Compensation Table." We believe the pay ratio provides a reasonable estimate of the required information calculated in a manner consistent with the applicable SEC rules.

Total compensation in the "– Summary Compensation Table" includes a "non-equity incentive plan compensation" component, which for us generally represents payments under our Gainshare program for our median employee, who on the last day of the year had a Gainshare target of 8%.

Gainshare payments for eligible employees are calculated in the same manner as the executive annual incentive payments described in "– Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table – Non-Equity Incentive Compensation."

For 2023, our median employee's total annual compensation was \$71,672 and our CEO's total annual compensation was \$15,636,618, which results in a pay ratio of CEO compensation to median employee compensation of 218:1.

Given the different methodologies used by various public companies, the ratio reported above should not be used as a basis of comparison between or among companies, including companies in our peer group.

## **PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE**

The table below sets forth information regarding compensation for our CEO and non-CEO NEOs, along with the financial performance of Progressive for the last four completed fiscal years. The table also provides a comparison of the compensation reported in the "Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table" (Summary Compensation Table) and the compensation actually paid to our NEOs. The disclosure of compensation actually paid is determined in accordance with SEC rules and requires certain adjustments to the amounts reported in the Summary Compensation Table total for each NEO. It does not reflect the amount of compensation actually realized or received by our NEOs during the applicable year.

The compensation actually paid amounts include the value of our time-based and performance-based restricted stock unit awards, which is determined, in part, based on the value of Progressive common shares as of the earlier of December 31 or the vesting date, of each covered fiscal year. It also reflects the value of any reinvested dividend equivalent units applicable to these awards and changes in the projected vesting factor for performance-based awards, as described below. The values of these awards reflect considerable stock price appreciation from the date that the awards were originally granted. which is the value reported in the Summary Compensation Table. The ultimate value of unvested restricted stock unit awards remains dependent on our achievement of any applicable performance goals, the

satisfaction of applicable vesting periods, and the value of our common shares at the time of vesting of such awards. Further, final values of vested stock holdings are not realized by the NEOs until disposition of their holdings.

Additionally, as a property-casualty insurance company, we have earnings from both underwriting activity and investment operations. As discussed elsewhere, during 2023, we recognized an underwriting profit margin of 5.1% (exceeding our companywide profitability target of 4%), or \$3.0 billion of pretax underwriting profit, and wrote \$10.5 billion more in net premiums than in 2022, to end 2023 at \$61.6 billion in net premiums written.

Our investment portfolio consists principally of fixed-maturity securities, which represented 91.5% of the fair value of the portfolio at December 31, 2023. Investment income, which consists primarily of interest and dividends, was \$1.9 billion in 2023. The changes in the market value of our fixed-maturity securities are not reflected in net income, but rather are a component of comprehensive income. On the other hand, unlike our fixed-maturity securities, changes in the value of our equity securities are reflected in net income. In 2023, 2021, and 2020, net income included total net realized gains on securities of \$0.4 billion, \$1.5 billion, and \$1.6 billion, respectively, compared to total net realized losses of \$1.9 billion in 2022.

# **Pay Versus Performance Table**

				Average Summary Ompensation able Total for		Average ompensation Actually Paid	Value of initial fixed \$100 investment based on <sup>3</sup> :						
Year	Summary Compensation Table Total for Actually Paid ar CEO to CEO¹		Named Nar Executive Execu		to Non-CEO Named Executive Officers <sup>2</sup>	Sh	Total nareholder Peer Group Total Return Shareholder Return <sup>4</sup>		Net Income (in billions)		Combined Ratio⁵		
2023	\$ 15,636,618	\$	49,003,116	\$ 4,062,285	\$	9,728,818	\$	244.66	\$	164.49	\$	3.9	94.9
2022	12,748,826		48,474,661	3,171,093		9,195,384		198.67		148.53		0.7	95.8
2021	14,462,961		26,403,691	3,668,598		5,359,600		156.68		124.95		3.4	95.3
2020	15,220,523		52,840,789	3,582,178		10,086,445		141.38		106.33		5.7	87.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents amounts for Mrs. Griffith (our CEO since July 2016) as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K and includes certain adjustments to the amounts in the "Summary Compensation Table Total for CEO" column for each covered fiscal year. To determine compensation actually paid, the following adjustments were made to reflect the increase or change in fair value of Stock Awards (defined below) under the circumstances set forth below:<sup>a</sup>

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Closing stock price as of last trading day of year	\$ 159.28	\$ 129.71	\$ 102.65	\$ 98.88
Deduction of the grant date fair value of awards reported in the "Stock Awards" column of the Summary Compensation Table (Stock Awards) for the covered fiscal year	\$(10,000,106)	\$ (9,500,203)	\$ (9,500,212)	\$ (9,500,037)
Addition of the year-end fair value of all Stock Awards granted during the covered fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested	20,662,548	16,357,106	12,631,713	25,872,505
Change in the year-end fair value (from prior year-end) of all Stock Awards granted in any prior fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested	15,038,380	23,872,689	8,498,852	16,252,534
Change in the fair value (from prior year-end to vesting date) of all Stock Awards granted in any prior fiscal year that vested	7,665,676	4,996,243	310,377	4,995,264
Total Adjustments	\$ 33,366,498	\$35,725,835	\$11,940,730	\$37,620,266

The Stock Awards were granted under the 2015 Plan and include time-based and performance-based restricted stock unit awards. For each covered fiscal year, the additions and changes in fair value in the table above also reflect the value of any reinvested dividend equivalent units applicable to these Stock Awards in connection with dividends paid on the company's common stock, and changes in the projected vesting factor for performance-based restricted stock unit awards. See "Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table," "Executive Compensation – Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table," "Executive Compensation – Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End," and "Executive Compensation – Option Exercises and Stock Vested" for further discussion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The non-CEO named executive officers include for (i) 2023 and 2022, Mr. Sauerland, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Bailo, and Mr. Murphy; (ii) 2021, Mr. Sauerland, Mr. Callahan, Remi Kent (Ms. Kent became our Chief Marketing Officer on November 1, 2021), and Michael D. Sieger (Mr. Sieger retired in January 2022); and (iii) 2020, Mr. Sauerland, Mr. Callahan, John A. Barbagallo (Mr. Barbagallo was the Commercial Lines President until mid-January 2021), and Mr. Sieger. As described in Note 1, to determine compensation actually paid, the following adjustments (expressed as averages) were made to reflect the increase or change in fair value of Stock Awards under the circumstances set forth below:<sup>a</sup>

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Deduction of the grant date fair value of Stock Awards for the covered fiscal year	\$(2,003,269)	\$(1,906,333)	\$(2,134,497)	\$(1,609,480)
Addition of the year-end fair value of all Stock Awards granted during the covered fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested	3,782,595	3,359,339	2,755,577	4,507,590
Change in the year-end fair value (from prior year-end) of all Stock Awards granted in any prior fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested	2,854,453	3,915,370	1,061,423	2,787,532
Change in the fair value (from prior year-end to vesting date) of all Stock Awards granted in any prior fiscal year that vested	1,032,754	655,915	8,499	818,625
Total Adjustments	\$ 5,666,533	\$ 6,024,291	\$ 1,691,002	\$ 6,504,267

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> For additional information, see note a to Note 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total shareholder return is cumulative for the measurement periods beginning on December 31, 2019, and ending on the last fiscal day in 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020, respectively, assuming \$100 was invested at the close of trading on December 31, 2019.

Our peer group is the Standard & Poor's 500 Property & Casualty Insurance Index (S&P 500 P/C Group).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Combined ratio is the complement of our underwriting margin. The underwriting margin is the pretax underwriting profit (loss) expressed as a percentage of net premiums earned (i.e., revenues from underwriting operations). The pretax underwriting profit (loss) is calculated as net premiums earned plus fees and other revenues less losses and loss adjustment expenses, policy acquisition costs, other underwriting expenses, and for 2020, policyholder credits.

### NARRATIVE DISCLOSURE TO PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE TABLE

The following narrative disclosure and graphs describe the relationships between (i) the compensation actually paid to our NEOs and the performance measures set forth in the Pay Versus Performance Table and (ii) our cumulative total shareholder return (TSR) and the cumulative TSR of our chosen peer group, as disclosed in our performance graph below. For additional information on the awards described below, see "Executive Compensation – Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table" and "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards."

# Relationship Between Compensation Actually Paid and Performance Measures

Compensation Actually Paid As shown in the Pay Versus Performance Table, compensation actually paid decreased in 2020 to 2021 (although still meaningfully higher than the Summary Compensation Table totals), before returning again to higher levels in 2022 and 2023. The variation in these amounts during the covered periods reflected changes to the fair value of our time-based and performance-based restricted stock unit awards, the additional value of any new reinvested dividend equivalent units applicable to these awards, and changes in the projected vesting factor for performance-based awards.

Combined Ratio We have selected our combined ratio as the "company-selected measure" for the Pay Versus Performance Table because it supports a strong pay-for-performance linkage and further aligns our executives' interests with those of our shareholders. A fundamental tenet of our executive compensation program continues to be to support our long-standing companywide goal of growing as fast as we can at a 96 or better combined ratio while continuing to deliver high-quality customer service. We strongly believe that achieving our target profit margin takes precedence over growing premiums in years where we are challenged to achieve both, as was the case in both 2022 and 2023.



Our Gainshare program is designed to support our longstanding companywide goal. Gainshare payments each year, if any, are based in part on the profitability of our insurance businesses, on a weighted-average basis, through our combined ratio performance measure. Accordingly, in years where our combined ratio is higher, the payouts under the Gainshare program are adversely impacted. During all of the covered fiscal years, we satisfied our goal of achieving a 96 or better combined ratio on a companywide basis, although not all of our insurance businesses achieved this target. The combined ratio was better in 2023, compared to the prior year, and the Gainshare payout for each NEO was correspondingly higher. Because Gainshare is a cash incentive program, the value applicable to Gainshare payouts is the same in both the Summary Compensation Table total and the compensation actually paid columns in the Pay Versus Performance Table.

Additionally, our annual performance-based restricted stock unit awards (performance versus market insurance results) include a profitability requirement of a combined ratio of 96 or better over the most recent 12-month period when the vesting is determined. The profitability requirement was met for the awards that vested in each of the years shown. The vesting of these awards was included in the applicable compensation actually paid column in the Pay Versus Performance Table and reflected changes in the fair value of these awards as described above.

<u>Cumulative TSR</u> As shown in the Pay Versus Performance Table, our TSR increased over the covered periods from \$141.38 to \$244.66. During all of the covered fiscal years, our cumulative TSR outpaced the TSR of our chosen peer group, the S&P 500 P/C Group.

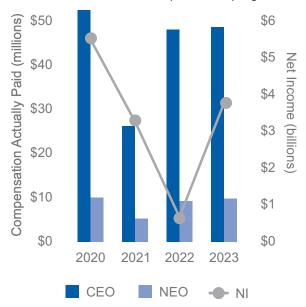
As noted above, the compensation actually paid amounts to our NEOs during the covered periods reflected changes in the fair value of our time-based and performance-based restricted stock unit awards. These amounts were significantly higher than the values reflected in the Summary Compensation Table totals for each NEO during each covered year.

We do not include TSR as a performance measure in our executive compensation program. Rather, we focus on our stated operating and investment goals and allow TSR to reflect our achievement of those goals. However, we do provide a high percentage of total compensation to our NEOs in the form of equity awards. Accordingly, as our stock price increases (and TSR likewise increases), we expect that the compensation actually paid amounts to our NEOs will generally increase proportionately.



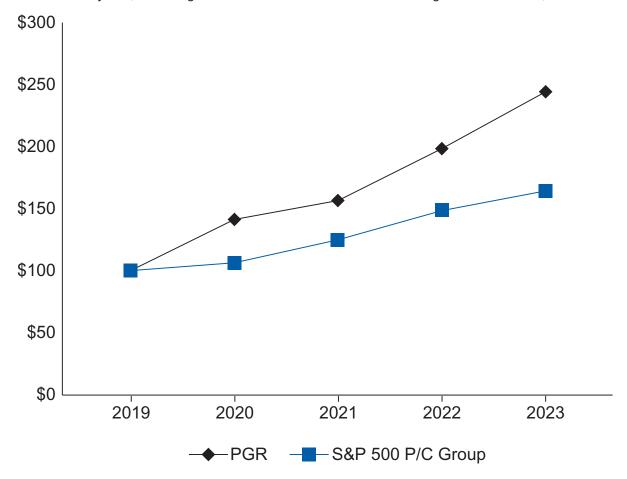
Net Income As a property-casualty insurance company, we have earnings from both underwriting activity and investment operations. We believe that our shareholder value will be increased in the long run if we continue to focus on profitable growth of our insurance operations and the relative performance of our fixed-maturity portfolio. Net income, which includes the impact of market fluctuations on our equity investments, increased in 2023, reflecting profitable underwriting and investment results.

Due to our long-term focus on our insurance operations, we make business decisions and set annual targets that are designed to enhance the longer-term performance of those operations. Accordingly, the trends in the compensation actually paid amounts to our NEOs may not correlate with net income as we do not use net income as a performance measure in our executive compensation program.



# Relationship Between Our Cumulative TSR and our Peer Group's Cumulative TSR

The following graph depicts the relationship between our cumulative TSR and the cumulative TSR of our chosen peer group for the last four years, assuming \$100 was invested at the close of trading on December 31, 2019.



#### **TABULAR LIST OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The following table lists the most important performance measures used in our executive compensation program to link the compensation actually paid to our current NEOs during 2023 to the company's performance. For our NEOs, other than our CEO and CFO, we used fewer than three financial performance measures to link compensation actually paid for the most recently completed fiscal year to the company's performance. For additional information on how these performance measures are calculated and used in our executive compensation program, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards."

Name	Combined Ratio	Premium Growth	Income Portfolio	(PIF) Growth
Susan Patricia Griffith	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
John P. Sauerland	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patrick K. Callahan	✓	✓		✓
Karen B. Bailo	✓	✓		✓
John Murphy	✓	✓		✓

The following supplemental table shows the executive compensation program that uses these performance measures:

Program	Combined Ratio	Premium Growth	3-Year Return Fixed- Income Portfolio	PIF Growth
Gainshare Program	✓			✓
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Awards (Growth in Market Share)	✓	✓		
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Awards (Investment Results)			✓	

# DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

### COMPENSATION OF NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

Compensation of our non-employee directors for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash¹ (\$)	Stock Awards² (\$)	Total (\$)
Danelle M. Barrett	\$120,000	\$180,131	\$300,131
Philip Bleser	<u> </u>	325,035	325,035
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	<del>_</del>	350,120	350,120
Pamela J. Craig	136,000	204,014	340,014
Charles A. Davis	<u>—</u>	325,035	325,035
Roger N. Farah	<u> </u>	340,113	340,113
Lawton W. Fitt	<u> </u>	520,110	520,110
Devin C. Johnson	<u> </u>	300,084	300,084
Jeffrey D. Kelly	124,000	186,001	310,001
Barbara R. Snyder	<u> </u>	300,084	300,084
Jan E. Tighe³	<del>_</del>	_	_
Kahina Van Dyke		315,028	315,028

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The cash fees will be earned on April 12, 2024, if the individual continues as a director until that date.

# NARRATIVE DISCLOSURE TO DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

Our director compensation program is market-based and is designed to be competitive with other compensation opportunities available to directors. Each year prior to the beginning of the term, the Compensation and Talent Committee reviews director compensation data from comparable companies obtained from management's compensation consultants and other third parties, and analyses performed by our compensation department and/or consultants. With respect to compensation decisions made in May 2023 for the 2023-2024 term, and after a review of proxy data for companies similar to those reviewed in connection with 2023 executive officer compensation, the committee recommended to the Board no change in total compensation from 2022 for the Chairperson of the Board and each non-employee director.

Amount of Compensation After receiving a recommendation from the Compensation and Talent Committee, the Board establishes compensation levels for each term based primarily on committee assignments, with separate compensation provided for

services as Chairperson of the Board. The following table sets forth the annual compensation levels approved by the Board for the 2023-2024 term:

Chairperson of the Board	\$485,000
Non-Employee Director	300,000
Additional compensation for Committee Chair:	
Audit Committee	35,000
Compensation and Talent Committee	25,000
Investment and Capital Committee	25,000
Nominating and Governance Committee	20,000
Technology Committee	25,000
Other additional compensation:	
Audit Committee members	10,000
Secondary Committee assignment	15,000

No additional compensation is earned for service on the Executive Committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents grant date fair value of restricted stock awards. Awards were granted on May 12, 2023, and valued based on that day's closing price of \$133.43 for all directors. All awards will vest on April 12, 2024, if the individual remains a director until that date. The 2023 awards are the only outstanding restricted stock awards held by directors. See "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management – Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers" for the number of shares awarded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ms. Tighe was a member of our Board until May 2023.

Form of Compensation For the 2023-2024 term, each non-employee director was given an opportunity to indicate a preference to receive either (1) 100% of compensation in the form of a restricted stock award or (2) 60% of compensation in the form of a restricted stock award and 40% in the form of cash. After considering such preferences, the committee provided for restricted stock awards under the Amended and Restated 2017 Directors Equity Incentive Plan (the Directors Equity Plan) and cash awards, as indicated in the table above. Cash compensation will be paid, and restricted stock awards will vest, in April 2024, or earlier if a director dies or becomes disabled, or a change in control occurs. When a new director is appointed to the Board or a director changes committee assignments during a term, a proration or other appropriate adjustment may be made.

Equity Ownership Guidelines for Directors Within five years after being elected to the Board, each director must acquire common shares having a value equal to at least three times the director's annual compensation for the most recently completed term, and then maintain such level of holdings throughout their tenure as a director. A director's unvested restricted stock awards and any common share equivalent units held in The Progressive Corporation Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan, as amended and restated (the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan) are treated as common shares held when determining whether this requirement is satisfied. As of December 31, 2023, each director who had been on our Board for more than five years satisfied this requirement.

<u>Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan</u> Directors receiving restricted stock awards under the Directors Equity Plan have the right to defer the receipt of the common shares covered by each such award under the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan. If a director elects to defer a restricted stock award under this plan, immediately prior to vesting of the applicable award, the restricted shares are converted to units

equivalent in value to Progressive common shares and credited to the participating director's plan account. The participating director's plan account will further be credited with amounts equal to any dividends and other distributions on Progressive common shares that are thereafter authorized by the Board. There are no other investment options under the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan. All such accounts will be distributed in common shares (except that amounts attributable to dividend equivalent payments will be distributed in cash) in a lump sum or installments, at the time(s) designated by the participating director at the time of election (or later, if permitted); distributions may be accelerated, however, in the event of the participant's death, the participant's departure from our Board, or a change in control of Progressive.

<u>Directors Deferral Plan</u> Under The Progressive Corporation Directors Deferral Plan, as amended and restated (the Directors Deferral Plan), directors are able to elect to defer cash compensation. Deferred fees are credited into a stock unit account under which the units are equivalent in value and dividend rights to Progressive common shares. All such accounts will be distributed in cash, in a lump sum or installments, when and as designated by the participating director at the time of election (or later, if permitted) or, if earlier, upon the death of the director or upon a change in control of Progressive.

Each participating director's unit holdings in the Directors Deferral Plan and the Directors Restricted Stock Deferral Plan are included in the table under "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management – Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers," under the column titled "Total Common Shares Beneficially Owned" or under the column titled "Units Equivalent to Common Shares."

<u>Perquisites</u> Consistent with our general practice, during 2023, we did not provide perquisites to any of our non-employee directors in excess of \$10,000.

# ITEM 2: PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION 2024 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

### **INTRODUCTION**

We have long had in effect stock-based incentive plans that have allowed us to grant executive officers and other key employees various types of equity-based awards. These programs reflect our Board's belief that encouraging stock ownership by executive officers and other key employees serves to attract, retain, and motivate them by providing a direct, financial interest in our continued success. Our Board also believes that equity-based compensation closely aligns these employees' interests with those of our shareholders and provides a strong incentive for executive officers and other key employees to remain in our service.

With these goals in mind, in March 2024, upon the recommendation of the Compensation and Talent Committee, our Board adopted, subject to shareholder approval, The Progressive Corporation 2024 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2024 Plan"). We are submitting the 2024 Plan to shareholders for approval in accordance with NYSE rules and, while not presently part of our executive compensation program's design, to qualify certain stock options authorized under the 2024 Plan for treatment as incentive stock options ("ISOs") under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, we are asking shareholders to approve the 2024 Plan to prevent any interruption to our equity-based compensation practices. If our shareholders approve the 2024 Plan, it will replace the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") and no further grants will be made under the 2015 Plan after the 2024 Plan is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form S-8. Any additional awards we grant to management prior to the approval and registration of the 2024 Plan will be granted under the 2015 Plan and will be subtracted from the number of common shares remaining available for additional awards under the 2015 Plan. As a result, the shares from any such additional awards will reduce the number of common shares that may be issued under the 2024 Plan.

If the 2024 Plan is approved by our shareholders, we will have 6 million additional common shares authorized for issuance pursuant to employee equity plans. In setting the total number of common shares authorized for issuance under the 2024 Plan, we considered a number of factors, including the following, which are discussed in more detail below: shares available and total outstanding equity awards under our existing employee equity plan; our historical employee equity award granting practices; potential dilution to our shareholders; and estimates regarding

the number of years that the 2024 Plan would last (sometimes referred to as the duration of the plan). In addition, some shares authorized under our 2015 Plan will be rolled over to the 2024 Plan as described in more detail under "– Description of the 2024 Plan – Shares Available for Issuance."

As of March 15, 2024, we had 585,698,431 common shares issued and outstanding (not including treasury shares). The market value of one common share listed on the NYSE, as determined by reference to the closing price on March 15, 2024, was \$204.88.

#### **Overview**

The 2024 Plan provides us with the flexibility to develop and deliver a long-term equity incentive program that is competitive, attracts and retains key talent, and meets current and evolving compensation practices. Additionally, the 2024 Plan contains key features to protect the interests of our shareholders, which include the following:

- Double-trigger vesting in the event of a change in control. Both a change in control and a termination of employment must occur in order for accelerated vesting of awards to apply. Awards will not be accelerated upon a change in control if the committee determines, prior to the change in control, that awards will be honored, assumed, or replaced with an equivalent award.
- There is no annual or automatic increase in the number of shares available for issuance under the 2024 Plan.
- Performance-based awards are subject to our Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy and additional clawback provisions that subject performancebased awards to recoupment if an executive's conduct results in reputational harm or if the awards vest based upon certain financial or operating results that are thereafter restated.
- Limitations apply to the number of shares an individual participant may receive in a given calendar year and the number of shares that can be the subject of stock options or stock appreciation rights granted to any individual during the life of the 2024 Plan.
- The exercise price of stock options and the strike price/base value of stock appreciation rights must equal at least 100% of the fair market value of the underlying common shares at the time of grant.
- We are not permitted to reduce the exercise price, reprice, or provide cash payment for underwater stock options or stock appreciation rights without shareholder approval.

 We currently expect the duration of the 2024 Plan to be between 7 and 10 years.

In addition, we believe that our recent grant practices reflect a responsible use of equity as compensation for our executive officers and other key employees:

- 74% of our CEO's target equity compensation in the past 5 years has been in the form of performance-based equity awards.
- 65% of our other then-named executive officers' target equity compensation in the past 5 years has been in the form of performance-based equity awards.

 Pursuant to our financial policies, we repurchase common shares to neutralize dilution from equitybased compensation in the year of grant.

#### **Factors Considered**

We considered a number of factors when developing the 2024 Plan, including the current availability of common shares under our existing employee equity plan, awards outstanding under such equity plan, and our desire to maintain our current equity grant practices without disruption. Since 2015, we have used time- and performance-based restricted stock units as the form of equity compensation for our executive officers and other key employees.

The following table shows awards outstanding under, and common shares available under, our existing equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2023:

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN II	NFORMATION		
Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted- Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans <sup>1</sup>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders			
Employee Plans:			
2015 Equity Incentive Plan	2,893,743 <sup>2</sup>	NA	5,185,9493
Director Plans:			
Amended and Restated 2017 Directors Equity Incentive Plan	25,075	NA	392,436 4
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
None			
Total	2,918,818	NA	5,578,385

NA = Not applicable because awards do not have an exercise price.

- 1 Excludes shares included in the Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights column.
- <sup>2</sup> Reflects restricted stock unit awards, including reinvested dividend equivalents, under which, upon vesting, the holder has the right to receive common shares on a one-to-one basis.

Performance-based restricted stock unit awards, including dividend equivalents, of 557,119 units are included under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan at their target value. Maximum potential payout for the performance awards outstanding under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan was 1,370,877. For a description of the performance-based awards, including the performance measurement and vesting ranges, see *Note* 9 — *Employee Benefit Plans* in our Annual Report.

- 3 Gives effect to reservation of common shares subject to performance-based awards at maximum potential payout.
- <sup>4</sup> Reflects Progressive's Amended and Restated 2017 Directors Equity Incentive Plan that was approved by shareholders in 2022 and increased the authorized shares by 150,000 under this plan.

Since December 31, 2023, we granted additional awards of restricted stock units to our executive officers and other key employees under the 2015 Plan and dividend equivalents under outstanding restricted stock unit awards were reinvested in additional restricted units when our annual-variable and quarterly dividends were paid to shareholders. As a result of these actions, as of the date of this proxy statement there were roughly 4.5 million shares available for future issuance of awards under the 2015 Plan. This

number reflects our reservation of the maximum potential payout of performance-based awards, as required by the terms of the 2015 Plan. Information regarding our historical equity award grant practices can be found in *Note 9 – Employee Benefit Plans* to our audited financial statements contained in our 2023 Annual Report attached as an appendix to this Proxy Statement. The 2015 Plan, which is the plan under which equity compensation is currently granted to our executive officers and other key employees, expires

on January 31, 2025. If shareholders do not approve the 2024 Plan, we will not be able to grant any additional equity awards under the 2015 Plan after January 31, 2025, although awards will remain outstanding until vested or forfeited in accordance with their terms. If we do not receive shareholder approval for the 2024 Plan, we will need to consider compensation alternatives for 2025 and beyond that do not include equity compensation.

We also considered potential dilution to our investors from awards that could be granted under the 2024 Plan. The 6 million additional common shares authorized by the 2024 Plan, together with shares available under existing equity plans and shares subject to outstanding equity awards, referred to as "overhang," represent approximately 2.5% of the outstanding common shares as of December 31, 2023. Pursuant to our financial policies, we repurchase common shares to neutralize dilution from equity-based compensation in the year of grant.

We also considered the expected duration of the 2024 Plan. Duration is inherently uncertain because it involves estimates regarding a number of factors, including:

- the number of common shares to be covered by awards to be granted, which changes with the number of recipients, their compensation levels, and the fair market value of our common shares at the time of grant;
- dividends to be paid by us in the future and the fair market value of our common shares at the time of any dividend payment;
- with respect to performance-based awards that can vest below, at, or above a target number of units, based on performance goals, the actual number of units that vest based on actual performance; and
- the rate of termination or forfeiture of awards that are made. Based on a number of assumptions regarding these matters, we currently estimate that the duration of the 2024 Plan will be between 7 and 10 years.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE 2024 PLAN**

The material features of the 2024 Plan are summarized below. The following description of the material features of the 2024 Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the 2024 Plan, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Exhibit A.

# **Shares Available for Issuance**

Subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events described below, the number of common shares that may be issued under the 2024 Plan will be equal to:

• 6 million, plus

- the number of common shares, if any, remaining available for additional awards under the 2015
  Plan as of the effective date of the 2024 Plan, minus 300,000 shares or any greater number determined by the committee (see
  "– Administration"), which will remain in the 2015
  Plan to satisfy divided equivalent rights; plus
- the number of shares subject to awards outstanding under the 2015 Plan as of the effective date of the 2024 Plan that subsequently expire or are cancelled or forfeited.

To satisfy awards under the 2024 Plan, we may use authorized but unissued shares or shares held in treasury.

The actual or deemed reinvestment of dividends, other distributions or dividend equivalents in additional stock, restricted stock, or restricted stock units ("dividend equivalents") will only be permitted if, at the time of the reinvestment, sufficient common shares are available under the 2024 Plan. If an award provides for the provision of dividend equivalents but dividend equivalents cannot be provided because sufficient shares are not available, then the committee can determine alternative mechanism(s) to credit the value of those dividend equivalents on outstanding awards or can discontinue the crediting of dividend equivalents on a prospective basis only.

If all or any portion of an award granted under the 2024 Plan is forfeited, or otherwise terminates or expires, the common shares that are subject to the award, to the extent of the forfeiture, termination, or expiration, will again be available for future awards under the 2024 Plan, unless the participant has received a benefit of ownership with respect to the common shares. The exercise of voting rights (if any) will not be considered to be a benefit of ownership. In addition, accumulation of dividends or dividend equivalents that are not actually paid because the underlying award did not vest will not be considered to be a benefit of ownership. However, the use of common shares subject to an award to pay an option exercise price or to satisfy a participant's tax withholding obligations will be considered to be a benefit of ownership. The number of common shares available for grant under the 2024 Plan will not be reduced by common shares subject to awards granted upon the assumption or substitution of awards granted by a business or entity acquired by the company.

In addition to aggregate share limits, the 2024 Plan establishes individual limits that provide that no participant may receive:

 in any calendar year, awards with respect to more than 1.5 million common shares; and  over the life of the 2024 Plan, stock options and stock appreciation rights related to more than 3 million common shares.

In the context of performance-based awards that stipulate a target number of units or common shares and that may vest at, below, or above that target, the maximum number of common shares issuable under the award will be used for purposes of determining compliance with these individual limitations. For all awards, any dividend equivalents are disregarded for purposes of determining if these limits are satisfied.

Except as described in the last sentence of this paragraph, in the event of any merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization (including, without limitation, extraordinary cash dividends), share dividend, share split, reverse share split, spin-off, stock rights offering, liquidation, acquisition of property or shares, combination of shares, or other similar event affecting the company, the committee will make substitution(s) or adjustment(s) as it deems appropriate and equitable to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights of participants under the 2024 Plan to: (1) the aggregate number and kind of shares of stock or other securities reserved for issuance under the 2024 Plan; (2) the various maximum limitations on the number of shares of stock or units that may be subject to awards granted to any participant during any calendar year or other period described above; (3) the number and kind of shares of stock or other securities subject to, and the exercise price, strike price, or base value of, then outstanding awards granted under the 2024 Plan; and (4) any vesting criteria (including performance goals) applicable to any outstanding award. In connection with any adjustment, the committee can provide for the adjustment to result in a whole number of shares, and for the fractional shares to be paid in cash. Adjustments or substitutions by the committee do not need to be the same for all participants. No adjustment can be made by the committee if the adjustment would cause an award to be subject to adverse tax consequences to the participant under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, which is described in more detail below.

# Administration

The 2024 Plan will be administered by or under the direction of the Compensation and Talent Committee of the Board or a subcommittee of that committee (referred to in this proposal as the "committee"). The committee must consist of not less than two Board members, all of whom are "non-employee directors" (within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange").

Act")) and "independent directors" as defined in Section 303A.02 of the NYSE rules; however, in the event that the committee fails to satisfy this requirement, the actions of the committee will still be valid for all purposes other than Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. The functions of the committee specified in the 2024 Plan will be exercised by the Board if and to the extent that no committee with authority to administer the 2024 Plan exists.

The committee has full power to interpret and administer the 2024 Plan, including the authority to adopt and amend rules, guidelines, and practices governing the 2024 Plan and the authority to interpret any agreement governing an award under the 2024 Plan. It also has full authority to select the eligible individuals to whom awards will be granted under the 2024 Plan and to determine: the type and amount of awards to be granted to each participant; the consideration, if any, to be paid for awards; the timing of awards; and the terms and conditions of the awards and related agreements to be entered into with eligible individuals. The committee will grant all awards under the 2024 Plan to participants who are executive officers of the company and subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. As to the grant of awards to other participants, the committee may delegate its responsibilities to members of the company's management.

Any interpretation and administration of the 2024 Plan by the committee, and all actions and determinations of the committee, are final, binding, and conclusive on the company, its shareholders, subsidiaries, and affiliates, all participants in the 2024 Plan, their respective legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and all persons claiming under or through any of them. However, following a "change in control" as defined in the 2024 Plan, any determination as to whether "cause," "good reason," or a "disqualifying activity" exists or has occurred will be subject to review by a court, arbitrator, or other dispute resolution body. No director will incur any liability for any action taken or omitted, or any determination made, in good faith in connection with the 2024 Plan.

# Eligibility to Participate in the 2024 Plan

Executive officers and other key employees of the company, its subsidiaries, or affiliates who are responsible for or contribute to our management, growth, or profitability are eligible to be granted awards under the 2024 Plan. During 2023, approximately 1,080 employees, including each of our executive officers, received awards under the 2015 Plan, which contains a similar eligibility provision. Because the committee has the authority to determine which eligible individuals will receive awards under the 2024

Plan, the benefits or amounts that will be received by any individual officer, the executive officers as a group, and other key employees cannot be determined.

# **Types and Terms of Awards**

The committee has the discretion to decide who will receive awards under the 2024 Plan, the types of awards they will receive and, subject to the provisions described below, the terms of any award. The committee can grant restricted stock units, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, and dividend equivalent rights associated with these awards.

Generally Applicable Provisions The committee has broad discretion to decide the terms of awards that may be granted under the 2024 Plan. However, the 2024 Plan provides certain parameters for awards, including the following:

Purchase Price The purchase price for each award, if any, will be determined by the committee at the time of grant.

Time-Based and Performance-Based Awards An eligible individual may be granted an award that will vest based on continued employment (a time-based award), an award that will vest based on the achievement of performance goals (a performancebased award), or a combination of both. The committee will determine the vesting periods for timebased awards and the restrictions and other terms applicable to time-based awards prior to vesting, as well as any other conditions that must be satisfied prior to the vesting of the awards. For awards that are performance-based, the committee will establish the objective performance goals and any other conditions that must be satisfied as a condition to vesting. The committee may provide for the lapse of the restrictions and conditions to vesting in "award installments" (if an award consists of multiple installments, each with a separate vesting date, expiration date and/or other unique term or condition, this term refers to any one of those installments), as set forth in the related award agreement. The provisions of awards need not be the same with respect to each participant.

Performance Goals Performance-based awards will be structured to vest, if at all, only if the company satisfies the conditions to vesting established by the committee in its discretion at the time of the award, including objective criteria which may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following measures:

- Revenues
- Premiums (written, net, earned, per policy, or per vehicle)
- Expense levels
- · Cost control or cost savings levels

- Combined ratio (target, weighted, variation from target, or cohort (expected lifetime combined ratio for a group of policies commencing during a specified time period))
- Return on shareholders' equity, revenue, or capital (including return on total capital or return on invested capital)
- · Policies in force
- Policy renewals
- Policy life expectancy
- · Vehicles insured
- Drivers insured
- Earned car years
- Market share
- Physical damage earned car years
- Investment income
- Investment returns
- Net realized gains
- Net income
- Comprehensive income
- Shareholders' equity
- Net book value per share
- Total shareholder return
- Value of a common share

Performance goals may be measured on a companywide, subsidiary, significant subsidiary, segment, business unit, product line, product, or any combination of these bases, as determined by the committee at the time of grant. Performance goals also may reflect absolute performance or a relative comparison of performance to the results in other periods, to a target, to a peer group of entities, to an index, or to another external measure. Performance goals may also be measured on an aggregate or per share basis. Investment performance goals may also be measured by reference to a specific portion of a portfolio or assets under management and may reflect risk adjustment, or the benefit of any state premium tax abatement, attributable to the investment portfolio(s) or investment(s) that is the subject of the

The committee may provide for the exclusion from any one or more applicable periods of the impact of extraordinary, unusual, and/or non-recurring items, including, without limitation: (1) any act of God or nature that adversely affects the company's business operations for a significant period of time; (2) any profit, loss, or expense attributable to acquisitions or dispositions of stock, assets, or any other portion of a business; (3) operating or financial results attributable to the operations of an entity or business acquired or disposed of by the company; (4) gains or losses due to litigation or settlements; (5) all other items of gain, loss, or expense determined to be extraordinary or

unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence; and (6) such other items that the committee deems appropriate in its discretion. Unless expressly determined by the committee at the time the performance goals for an award are established and stated in the related award agreement, the satisfaction of any performance goals will be determined by eliminating the impact of any change in accounting rules which becomes effective following the time the performance goals are established.

Performance-based awards will vest and all restrictions thereon will terminate upon the certification by the committee of the achievement of the specified performance goals, provided all other conditions to vesting have been met. In the committee's discretion. performance-based awards may: (1) stipulate that an award will vest only in its entirety upon the satisfaction of the specified performance goals; (2) stipulate a portion of the award that will vest either in whole or in part, depending on the level of achievement in comparison to the specified performance goals, pursuant to a formula, calculation, or other objective mechanism approved by the committee at the time of the award; or (3) stipulate a target number of shares of stock or units (the "Target") that may vest in part, in whole, or up to a specified multiple of the Target, depending on the level of achievement in comparison to the specified performance goals pursuant to a formula, calculation, or other objective mechanism approved by the committee at the time of the award. In the case of any award authorized under clause (3) of the previous sentence, a number of common shares equal to the maximum possible number of common shares that may be delivered to the participant under the award will be reserved by the company until such time as the applicable multiple of the Target has been determined by the committee, even if the certification of achievement of results does not occur at that time due to additional performance goals that must be met prior to vesting, or if the actual exercise, vesting, or delivery of stock does not occur at that time due to any delay in delivery imposed for purposes of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. If, or to the extent that, a performance-based award does not vest under the applicable performance goals on or before the expiration date established by the committee for the award, the award will be forfeited automatically.

Committee Discretion to Reduce or Eliminate Awards
The committee can reduce the amount of, or eliminate
in full, but not increase, the amount of stock, units, or
other interests that are subject to any performancebased award at, or at any time prior to, the
committee's certification of the vesting of the award.

The committee may treat individual participants differently for these purposes. Any determination of this type by the committee will be final and binding on each affected participant.

<u>Transferability</u> Awards under the 2024 Plan may not be transferred by the participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

<u>Deferral Election</u> Any participant who is then eligible to participate in The Progressive Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan or any other deferral plan adopted or maintained by the company may elect to defer any award granted to the participant under the 2024 Plan, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the applicable deferral plan.

Tax Withholding No later than the date an award becomes taxable, the participant must satisfy the participant's minimum withholding taxes by delivering to the company cash, or, unless the committee determines otherwise, common shares that are already owned by the participant or that would otherwise be delivered to the participant as a result of the taxable event. The committee must approve any election by an executive officer subject to Section 16 to satisfy tax withholding obligations by delivering common shares already owned by the participant.

Restricted Stock Units A restricted stock unit is a contractual right awarded by the company that entitles the participant to receive one common share upon the satisfaction of all conditions to vesting of, and the lapse of all restrictions applicable to, the award, as determined by the committee. Conditions to vesting may relate to continued employment, the achievement of performance goals established by the committee, or both. The units remain subject to restrictions, and subject to forfeiture, termination, or expiration as provided in the 2024 Plan, until the satisfaction of the conditions established by the committee for the vesting of the applicable award. In addition to the terms established by the committee, the following provisions will apply to all restricted stock unit awards:

- No instruments or certificates evidencing the units will be issued, but the company will keep a record of the units.
- Participants will not have the right to vote the common shares represented by the restricted stock units prior to the delivery of any common shares due in respect of the vesting of the units.
- Participants will not have the right to receive dividends, other distributions or dividend equivalents with respect to the shares subject to the award prior to the delivery of those shares of stock. The committee may provide for any restricted stock unit award to be credited with

dividend equivalents while restrictions apply to the award. If the committee provides for the crediting of dividend equivalents, the equivalents can be paid in cash or reinvested in additional units, and can be paid immediately or made subject to the terms and conditions applicable to the underlying award, as determined by the committee.

Restricted Stock Restricted stock awards consist of grants by the company of common shares that are subject to various restrictions, including, without limitation, restrictions on sale or transfer by the participant. The common shares will remain subject to those restrictions, and to forfeiture, termination, or expiration as provided in the 2024 Plan, until the satisfaction of the conditions established by the committee for the vesting of the applicable award. Upon vesting of an award and the lapse of any other restrictions, the restrictions on the common shares awarded will be removed, and the participant will become entitled to sell or transfer those shares subject to applicable legal requirements. In addition to the terms established by the committee, the following provisions will apply to all restricted stock awards:

- Each participant receiving a restricted stock award will be issued a stock certificate for the common shares covered by the award. The certificates will be registered in the name of the participant, and will bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to the award. The stock certificates evidencing those common shares will be held by the company, or our designee, until the conditions to the vesting of the award has been satisfied and all other restrictions on the shares have lapsed. However, at our option, any common shares covered by a restricted stock award may be issued and held in book-entry form. In such event, no stock certificates evidencing the shares will be issued and the applicable restrictions will be noted in the records of our transfer agent and in the book-entry system.
- Except as provided in the 2024 Plan or the applicable award agreement, with respect to the common shares that are the subject of the restricted stock award, a participant will have all of the rights of a shareholder of the company, including the right to vote the common shares.
- Participants who are granted awards of restricted stock also have the right to receive any cash dividends or other distributions declared by the Board, subject to the 2024 Plan. However, the committee may determine that dividends or other distributions will not be paid or distributed immediately and will be and remain subject to all the terms and conditions regarding vesting,

restrictions, and forfeiture that apply to the common shares covered by the restricted stock award to which the dividends or distributions relate.

Stock Options A stock option award represents the right to purchase a specified number of common shares from the company at a specified price during a specified time period. Generally, stock options are not exercisable immediately and may be exercised in accordance with the requirements of the 2024 Plan only after the satisfaction of the conditions established by the committee for the vesting of the award.

The committee will have the authority to grant either incentive stock options or non-qualified stock options, or a combination of both, subject to the requirements of the 2024 Plan. Incentive stock options are stock options intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor to Section 422. Non-qualified stock options are stock options that do not qualify as incentive stock options. In addition to the terms established by the committee, the following provisions will apply to each stock option award:

- The option exercise price per common share that may be purchased under a stock option will be determined by the committee at the time of grant.
  - For non-qualified stock options, the exercise price must be at least equal to 100% of the fair market value of the company's common shares on the date of grant.
  - For incentive stock options, the exercise price must be at least equal to: (1) 100% of the fair market value of the company's common shares at the date of grant; or (2) 110% of the fair market value of the common shares at the date of grant, in the case of a participant who at the date of grant owns shares representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the company or its parent or subsidiary corporations (as determined under Section 424(d), (e), and (f) of the Internal Revenue Code) (a "10% participant").
- The term of each stock option ("option term") will be determined by the committee at the time of grant and may not exceed 10 years from the date of grant (or, with respect to incentive stock options, five years in the case of a 10% participant).
- Subject to any installment exercise provisions and other conditions to vesting that may apply with respect to the stock options, stock options may be exercised, in whole or in part, at any time during the option term, by giving to the company written

notice of exercise specifying the number of common shares to be purchased. The notice of exercise must be accompanied by payment in full of the option exercise price of the common shares for which the option is exercised. The committee may allow cashless broker exercises or, to the extent approved by the committee at or after grant, payment by the participant's election to have shares of stock withheld that have a fair market value equal to the amount of tax to be withheld.

- Unless otherwise determined by the committee, at or after grant, payment, in full or in part, of the option exercise price of incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options and related minimum withholding taxes may be made in the form of unrestricted common shares then owned by the participant and having a value equal to the option exercise price and minimum withholding taxes. However, the committee must approve in advance any transaction of this type by an executive officer who is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.
- No common shares will be issued pursuant to an exercise of an option until full payment of the exercise price and minimum withholding has been made. A participant will not have rights to dividends or any other rights of a shareholder with respect to any common shares subject to an option until the participant gives written notice of exercise, has paid in full for the common shares, and such shares have been issued to the participant.
- All stock options will be exercisable during the participant's lifetime only by the participant or, if the participant is unable to exercise an option as a result of the participant's disability, by his or her authorized legal representative.
- Unless otherwise determined by the committee or directed by a participant in writing to the company, the 2024 Plan allows for the automatic exercise of stock options for in-the-money awards prior to expiration.

The following additional provisions will apply to incentive stock options and, in the event of conflict, will override the general provisions set forth above:

- Only employees of the company or one of its subsidiaries can receive an incentive stock option.
- In the event of the death or disability of a participant who holds an incentive stock option, the incentive stock option will be exercisable by:

  (1) the participant's authorized legal representative (if the participant is unable to exercise the incentive stock option as a result of the participant's disability) only if, and to the extent, permitted by Section 422 of the Internal Revenue

Code and Section 16 of the Exchange Act; and (2) the participant's estate, in the case of death, or authorized legal representative, in the case of disability, no later than 10 years from the date the incentive stock option was granted (or five years in the case of a 10% participant), in addition to any other restrictions or limitations that may apply.

The terms of the 2024 Plan relating to incentive stock options will be interpreted so as not to disqualify the 2024 Plan under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the 2024 Plan cannot be amended, and any discretion permitted by the 2024 Plan cannot be exercised, in a manner that would disqualify the 2024 Plan under Section 422 or, without the consent of the affected participant, to disqualify any outstanding incentive stock option under Section 422.

Stock Appreciation Rights May be granted alone, in addition to, or in tandem with other awards granted under the 2024 Plan or cash awards made outside of the 2024 Plan. In the case of an award of stock appreciation rights relating to an award of non-qualified stock options, the rights may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of the related non-qualified stock options. In the case of incentive stock options, the rights may be granted in tandem with incentive stock options only at the time of the grant of the options and may be exercised only when the fair market value of the stock subject to the option exceeds the option exercise price.

Stock appreciation rights issued in tandem with stock options ("tandem SARs") will terminate and will cease to be exercisable upon the termination or exercise of the related stock option, subject to any provisions that the committee specifies at grant if the stock appreciation right is granted with respect to less than the full number of common shares subject to the related stock option. Upon exercise, the participant will be entitled to receive an amount determined in the manner prescribed below and the applicable award agreement.

Stock appreciation rights granted under the 2024 Plan are subject to the following terms and conditions and any other terms and conditions established by the committee:

- Tandem SARs will be exercisable only at the times, and to the extent, that the stock options to which they relate are exercisable in accordance with the provisions of the 2024 Plan, and stock appreciation rights not granted in tandem with stock options ("freestanding SARs") will be exercisable as the committee determines.
- Upon exercising a stock appreciation right, a participant is entitled to receive an amount in cash

or common shares, as determined by the committee at the time of grant, equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of one common share on the date of exercise of the stock appreciation right over: (1) in the case of tandem SARs, the option exercise price per share specified in the related stock option, which price will be fixed no later than the date of grant of the tandem SARs; or (2) in the case of freestanding SARs, the price per share specified in the related award agreement, which price will be fixed at the date of grant and will be not less than the fair market value of the common shares on the date of grant, multiplied by the number of common shares in respect of which the stock appreciation right was exercised. The committee will have the right to determine the form of payment (i.e., cash, stock, or any combination of cash and stock) and to approve any election by the participant to receive cash, in whole or in part, upon exercise of the stock appreciation right. When payment is to be made in stock, the number of common shares to be paid will be calculated on the basis of the fair market value of the common shares on the date of exercise. However, the committee nevertheless may limit the appreciation in value of any stock appreciation right at any time prior to exercise.

- Upon the exercise of a tandem SAR, the related stock option also must be exercised.
- Stock appreciation rights will be exercisable, during the participant's lifetime, only by the participant or, in the event of the participant's disability, by the participant's authorized legal representative.
- Unless otherwise determined by the committee or directed by a participant in writing to the company, the 2024 Plan allows for the automatic exercise of stock appreciation rights for in-the-money awards prior to expiration.

# Termination of Employment; Forfeiture Upon Engaging in Disqualified Activity

Unless otherwise determined by the committee, if any participant's employment is terminated, all outstanding awards held by the participant, whether vested or unvested, will be terminated and forfeited automatically. The committee can provide for exceptions to this rule, including in the case of a participant's death, disability, or retirement.

If the committee determines that a participant is engaging or has engaged in any "disqualifying activity" (as defined below), then:

 to the extent that any award held by the participant has not vested or, if a vested award has not been

- exercised, as applicable, as of the date of such determination by the committee, the award will terminate, and all related common shares, units, stock options, or stock appreciation rights will be forfeited, as of the date of determination; or
- to the extent that an award has vested and, if applicable, was exercised after the "disqualification" date" (as defined below) but prior to the date that the committee determines that a disqualifying activity occurred, the award will be deemed to be terminated and forfeited as of the disqualification date. The participant must transfer or pay to the company, promptly upon demand, all common shares (or, if those common shares have been sold or transferred by the participant, an equivalent number of common shares or, at the company's option, the value thereof), or other proceeds received or deferred by the participant in connection with the vesting or exercise event, and the participant will not receive any consideration from the company. If the participant fails to do so, the company will also be entitled to recover interest, reasonable attorney's fees, and court costs related to its recovery efforts.

Under the 2024 Plan, "disqualification date" means the earliest date on which the participant engaged in any disqualifying activity, as determined by the committee. "Disqualifying activity" means any of the following acts or activities:

- serving as a principal, shareholder, partner, director, officer, employee or agent of, or as a consultant or advisor to, any business or entity that competes with the company to an extent deemed material by the committee, without the company's consent;
- disclosure by the participant, or any use by the participant for his or her own benefit or for the benefit of any other person or entity (other than the company), of any of our confidential information or trade secrets without our consent;
- any material violation of any of the provisions of any code of conduct applicable to the participant or of any agreement between the participant and the company;
- making any other disclosure or taking any other action which is determined by the committee to be materially detrimental to the business, prospects or reputation of the company; or
- the participant's failure, in any material respect, to perform his or her assigned responsibilities as an employee, as determined by the committee after consulting with our Chief Executive Officer or Chief Human Resources Officer.

The ownership of less than 2% of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded corporation that competes with the company will not constitute a disqualifying activity.

# **Change in Control**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement, the following provisions will govern awards if a change in control occurs. No acceleration of vesting or payment will occur with respect to any outstanding award upon a change in control if, prior to the change in control, the committee determines that outstanding awards will be honored or assumed, or new rights substituted for outstanding awards by the surviving entity (which may be the company). Any honored, assumed, or new right substituted for outstanding awards ("Alternative Awards") must comply with the following provisions:

- provide for rights, terms and conditions that are substantially identical to, and not less favorable than, the rights, terms and conditions applicable under the award being substituted for the Alternative Award, including an identical or better exercise or vesting schedule;
- have substantially equivalent economic value to the award being substituted (determined at the time of the change in control by the committee);
- have terms and conditions which provide that if the participant's employment or service is involuntarily terminated without cause (as defined in the 2024 Plan), or constructively terminated for good reason (as described below) by the participant, the awards will vest and pay out consistent with the provisions described below; and
- not subject the participant to the assessment of taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

As long as the Alternative Award satisfies the requirement in the immediately preceding bullet point, the committee will have the discretion with respect to any outstanding performance-based award to provide in the Alternative Award: (1) for the same performance goals as are contained in the original award; (2) for different performance goals than are in the original award; or (3) that the performance goals in the original award agreement will be considered to be achieved and to determine at what level they will be deemed to have been achieved (for example, at target or at a multiple of target based on the level of achievement through the date of the change in control) with the award being converted into a time-based award that will vest at the end of the performance period stated in the original award agreement. The determination whether the conditions for Alternative Awards are

satisfied will be made by the committee, as constituted immediately before the change in control.

Any Alternative Award will be subject to accelerated vesting after a change in control as follows. If within 24 months following a change in control, a participant's employment is involuntarily terminated (other than for cause) or is terminated by the participant for good reason (after 30 days' notice to the surviving entity and an opportunity to cure), then upon the occurrence of the termination: (1) all outstanding options and stock appreciation rights held by the participant will become vested and exercisable immediately upon the termination; and (2) all outstanding unvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards will become vested immediately upon the termination. With respect to any performance-based awards held by the participant, the awards will be considered to be earned in full at the higher of target (if applicable) or a multiple of target (determined by reference to the award agreement) based on the level of achievement as of the date of the termination, if such level of achievement is determinable at the time of the termination, "Good reason" is defined in the 2024 Plan. unless provided in any award agreement, as: (1) any significant diminution in the participant's duties, position (including status, title and reporting requirements), authority, or responsibilities; (2) a decrease, as compared with the six months immediately preceding the change in control, in any of the participant's salary, rate of pay, cash bonus opportunity, allotted vacation time, the value of annual time-based and performance-based (if applicable) equity or other long-term incentive awards, or the prompt reimbursement of appropriate business expenses as set forth in the company's policies immediately prior to the change in control (or a reasonable replacement policy); (3) requiring the participant to be based at an office location other than the location at which he or she was based immediately before the change in control, if the change in office location would increase the participant's regular commute by greater than 50 miles; or (4) denying the participant the right to participate in savings, retirement and welfare benefit plans on the same basis (or a substantially similar basis) as is available to other similarly situated employees, subject to legal requirements (including under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974).

If the above requirements are not satisfied, either because the surviving entity chooses not to honor, assume, or provide equivalent replacement awards for outstanding awards, or the committee determines that any proposed replacement awards do not satisfy the requirements for Alternative Awards described above, then upon a change in control all outstanding awards will vest and, if applicable, become exercisable, immediately prior to the change in control, and the following will occur: (1) each option and stock appreciation right will be cancelled in exchange for an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of a common share on the date of the change in control over the option exercise price for the option or the base value/strike price applicable to the stock appreciation right; and (2) each restricted stock and restricted stock unit award will be cancelled in exchange for an amount equal to the fair market value of one common share on the business day immediately preceding the change in control, in each case multiplied by the number of common shares covered by the award, with any performance-based awards deemed to have been earned in full at the higher of target or a multiple of target (determined by reference to the original award agreement) based on the level of achievement through the date of the change in control, if the level of achievement is determinable by the committee at the time of the change in control. Payment of any amounts described in this paragraph will be made in cash or, if determined by the committee (as constituted prior to the change in control), in shares of the stock of the surviving entity having an aggregate fair market value (determined by the committee in good faith) equal to such amount or in a combination of such shares of stock and cash. All amounts described in this paragraph will be payable in full, as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than 10 business days, following the change in control. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no payment of any award subject to Section 409A will be accelerated upon a change in control unless such change in control qualifies as a change in the ownership of the company, a change in effective control of the company, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the company's assets, as such terms are defined by Section 409A, or such accelerated payment does not otherwise cause any Award to be subject to tax and penalties under Section 409A.

For purposes of the 2024 Plan, The 2024 Plan defines "change in control" as any of the following:

• the acquisition by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of 30% or more of either the then outstanding common shares of the company or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors ("outstanding company voting stock"), except that the following acquisitions will not constitute a change in control:

- any acquisition directly from the company;
- any acquisition by the company;
- any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the company or any entity controlled by the company;
- any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a transaction that qualifies as a Business Combination, as defined below, but does not constitute a change in control because of the Business Combination Exceptions defined below; or
- a change in the composition of the Board such that the individuals who, as of the date that the 2024 Plan becomes effective, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; with the following rules being applicable to individuals who become a member of the Board subsequent to the effective date of the 2024 Plan:
  - any individual whose election, or nomination for election by the company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of those individuals who are members of the Board and who were also members of the Incumbent Board (or deemed to be such pursuant to this bullet) will be considered as though the individual were a member of the Incumbent Board; and
  - any individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the Board will not be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- the consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the company or any of its subsidiaries or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the company, or the acquisition of assets or securities of another entity by the company or any of its subsidiaries (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination (the following being referred to as the "Business Combination Exceptions"):
  - all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the outstanding common shares and outstanding company voting securities immediately prior to the transaction beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a

noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from the transaction (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of the transaction, owns the company or all or substantially all of the company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to the transaction, of the outstanding common shares and outstanding company voting securities, as the case may be;

- no person (excluding any entity resulting from the transaction or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the company or the entity resulting from the transaction) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 30% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) of the entity resulting from the transaction or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the transaction; and
- at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent body or committee) of the entity resulting from the transaction were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for the transaction: or
- the approval by the shareholders of the company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the company.

## **Clawback and Recoupment Provisions**

The company will have the right to clawback or recoup performance-based awards that have previously vested in certain circumstances. Any award that qualifies as incentive-based compensation as defined in the NYSE rules is subject to our Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy. For a description of the policy see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – 2023 Decisions and Awards – Clawback Provisions."

Under additional clawback provisions in the 2024 Plan, if a performance-based award vesting event occurs that is based on financial or operating results that are restated within three years after the vesting, then we will have the right to recoup awards from executive officers who benefited from the vesting. In those circumstances, we will have the right to adjust and amend the terms of all outstanding stock options, and

to recover from each executive officer, and each such executive officer will refund to the company promptly on demand, either: (1) the number of common shares that vested (or that were subject to stock options that vested and were thereafter exercised); (2) the dollar equivalent of such number of common shares as of the date of such vesting, without interest; or (3) the value that was paid to or earned by the participant, as applicable, at the time of vesting or upon the exercise of rights under any such vested award, without interest. Any recovery by the company under these circumstances, at the committee's discretion, may be made by lump sum payment, installment payments, credits against unvested awards made under the 2024 Plan, credits against future bonus or other incentive payments or awards, or other appropriate mechanism. We will have this right of recoupment whether or not the executive officer in question was at fault or responsible in any way in causing the restatement.

If any individual who received an award under the 2024 Plan engages in fraud or other misconduct that results in a restatement of the financial or operating results used to determine the vesting of a performance-based award, we will have the right to recoup from that individual, and the individual will transfer or pay to the company promptly upon demand, in the company's discretion, either: (1) the number of common shares that vested (or that were subject to stock options that vested and were exercised), were distributed or were deferred (as applicable) upon or after the vesting based on the incorrect operating or financial results; (2) the dollar equivalent of the number of common shares determined as of the date of such vesting; or (3) the value that was paid to or earned by the individual, as applicable, at or after the time of vesting or upon the exercise of rights pursuant to the vested award, and, in the case of (2) and (3), interest at the rate of 8% per annum or, if lower, the highest rate permitted by law, calculated from such vesting date. We also will have the right to terminate and cancel any and all awards previously made to the individual at any time that are then unvested or, if applicable, that vested but have not been exercised, and to recover from the individual our costs and expenses incurred in connection with recovering shares or funds from them and enforcing our rights, including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs. There is no time limit on our right to recover these amounts, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

The recoupment rights described above are in addition to, and will not limit, any other rights or remedies that the company may have under the 2024 Plan or applicable law.

### Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code

The 2024 Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code or an exemption or exclusion from Section 409A and, with respect to awards and amounts that are subject to Section 409A, it is intended that the 2024 Plan will be administered in all respects in accordance with Section 409A. Accordingly, any action taken under the 2024 Plan, including any acceleration or conversion under the change-in-control provisions described above, will be made in compliance with Section 409A. The 2024 Plan contains a number of requirements aimed at compliance with Section 409A, including the following provisions:

- no option or stock appreciation right granted under the 2024 Plan will contain any feature for the deferral of compensation;
- each payment under any award that constitutes non-qualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A will be treated as a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A;
- in no event may a participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment to be made under any award that constitutes non-qualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A:
- in the event that a participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the company), amounts that constitute "non-qualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A that would otherwise be payable during the six-month period immediately following a participant's termination of employment with the company by reason of the termination will instead be paid or provided on the first business day of the seventh month following the month in which the participant's termination occurs:
- if the participant dies following any termination of employment with the company and prior to the payment of any amounts delayed on account of Section 409A, those amounts will be paid to the personal representative of the participant's estate within 30 days following the date of the participant's death; and
- interest will not accrue on any amounts during the periods of delay described above.

#### **Amendments and Termination**

The 2024 Plan may be amended or terminated at any time by our Board or the committee, except that no amendment or termination can impair the rights of a participant under an award granted prior to the amendment or termination without the participant's consent unless expressly authorized by the 2024 Plan.

Subject to the specific prohibitions described below, the Board and the committee have the authority to amend the 2024 Plan and outstanding awards to take into account changes in applicable securities and tax laws and accounting rules, as well as other developments.

The company will submit to the shareholders for approval any plan amendment that is required to be approved by shareholders by any regulatory authority or stock exchange on which the common shares are listed. Unless changes in applicable law and legal requirements otherwise permit, shareholder approval will also be required for any amendment that would:

- increase the total number of shares of stock (other than adjustments described above under
  - "- Shares Available for Issuance") that may be:
  - issued under the 2024 Plan;
  - issued to any eligible person during any calendar year; or
  - the subject of stock options and stock appreciation rights granted to any eligible person;
- permit the granting of stock options or stock appreciation rights with an exercise price lower than fair market value at the date of grant; or
- change the eligibility requirements for the 2024 Plan.

The committee, at any time, may also amend the terms of any outstanding award, but other than adjustments described above or creating Alternative Awards in connection with a change in control, no amendment of an award agreement can impair the rights of a participant under an outstanding award without the participant's consent, or make an applicable exemption provided by Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act unavailable to a participant subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act without his or her consent. In no event can an amendment to an outstanding award be made if the award is subject to the restrictions on deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code and the amendment would cause the award to be subject to adverse tax consequences to the participant under Section 409A. In addition, except for adjustments as described above:

- no stock option or stock appreciation right can be amended to decrease the option exercise or strike price/base value of the award;
- no stock option or stock appreciation right can be cancelled in exchange for either:
  - a cash payment exceeding the excess of the fair market value of the shares covered by the award over the corresponding option exercise or strike price/base value for the award; or

- the grant of a new option with a lower exercise price or a stock appreciation right with a lower strike price/base value; and
- no stock option or stock appreciation right can be subject to any action that would be treated under the rules of the NYSE (or any other exchange on which our common shares may be listed at that time) as a "repricing" of the award unless the action is approved by the company's shareholders.

#### Term of the 2024 Plan

No award can be granted under the 2024 Plan after January 31, 2034; however, awards granted prior to that date can extend beyond that date.

# DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER THE 2024 PLAN

The following is a summary of certain Federal income tax consequences of awards made under the 2024 Plan based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code in effect as of the date of this Proxy Statement, which are subject to change. The summary does not cover any state, local, foreign, or other tax consequences of participation in the 2024 Plan. This summary is general in nature and does not take into account a number of considerations which may apply in light of the circumstances of any given participant under the 2024 Plan.

# **Restricted Stock Units**

A participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of grant of a restricted stock unit and we will not be entitled to a tax deduction at that time. A participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding) at the time of settlement of the award, equal to the fair market value of any shares delivered (determined at that time) and the amount of cash paid by us, and we will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at that time, except to the extent the deduction limits of Section 162(m) apply.

### **Restricted Stock**

In general, a participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of grant of shares of restricted stock, and we will not be entitled to a tax deduction at that time, unless the participant makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to be taxed at that time. If such election is made, the participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding) at the time of the grant equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common shares at that time over the amount, if any, paid for those common shares. If an election is not made, the participant will recognize compensation taxable as

ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding) at the time the restrictions lapse in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common shares at that time over the amount, if any, paid for such common shares. We will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at the time the ordinary income is recognized by the participant, except to the extent the deduction limits of Section 162(m) apply.

In addition, a participant receiving dividends with respect to restricted stock for which the above-described election has not been made and prior to the time the restrictions lapse will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding), rather than dividend income. We will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at that time, except to the extent the deduction limits of Section 162(m) apply.

# **Non-Qualified Stock Options**

For stock options that are non-qualified stock options with an exercise price equal to or greater than the fair market value of the common shares on the date of grant, no income is recognized by the participant at the time the stock option is granted. A participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding) upon exercise of a non-qualified stock option equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common shares on the date of exercise over the exercise price, and we generally will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at that time, except to the extent the deduction limits of Section 162(m) apply.

### **Incentive Stock Options**

A participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of grant of an incentive stock option. A participant will not recognize taxable income (except for purposes of the alternative minimum tax) upon exercise of an incentive stock option. If the common shares acquired by exercise of an incentive stock option are held for the longer of two years from the date the stock option was granted and one year from the date the common shares were transferred to the participant, any gain or loss arising from a subsequent disposition of those common shares will be taxed as long-term capital gain or loss, and we will not be entitled to any deduction.

If, however, those common shares are disposed of at a gain within such two- or one-year periods, then in the year of disposition the participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income equal to the excess of the lesser of the amount realized upon such disposition and the fair market value of the common shares on the date of exercise over the exercise price, and we generally will be entitled to a corresponding

deduction at that time, except to the extent the deduction limits of Section 162(m) apply. Any excess of the amount realized on the disposition date over the fair market value of the common shares on the exercise date will be treated as capital gain.

For the purposes of computing a participant's alternative minimum tax, the excess of the fair market value of the common shares at the time of exercise over the option price is an item of tax preference, unless there is a disposition of the shares acquired upon exercise in the same taxable year of exercise.

# **Stock Appreciation Rights**

Generally, a participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of grant of a stock appreciation right, and we will not be entitled to a tax deduction at that time. Upon exercise, a participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding) equal to the fair market value of any common shares delivered (determined at that time) and the amount of cash paid by us, and we generally will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at that time, except to the extent the deduction limits of Section 162(m) apply.

# **Dividend Equivalents**

In general, with respect to dividend equivalents, a participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income when the dividend equivalents are paid to the participant equal to the amount being paid (which may include accrued interest), and we generally will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at that time, subject to the deduction limits under Section 162(m).

### Section 409A

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code provides that if, at any time during a taxable year, a "non-qualified deferred compensation plan" or arrangement fails to meet the requirements of Section 409A (a "non-qualified plan"), is not operated

in accordance with those requirements or is not otherwise exempt or excluded from the requirements of Section 409A, all of an employee's compensation that was deferred under the non-qualified plan (or any other plan required to be aggregated with the non-qualified plan) for the taxable year and all preceding years will be included in the employee's gross income, but only to the extent that the compensation was not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and not previously included in gross income. In addition to the tax imposed on that compensation, the employee's tax for the taxable year will be increased by interest and an additional tax equal to 20% of such compensation.

The 2024 Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A or an exemption or exclusion therefrom and, with respect to awards and amounts that are subject to Section 409A, it is intended that the 2024 Plan will be administered in all respects in accordance with Section 409A. See "— Description of the 2024 Plan — Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code."

The foregoing general tax discussion is intended for the information of shareholders considering how to vote with respect to this proposal and not as tax guidance to participants in the 2024 Plan. Participants in the 2024 Plan should consult with their tax advisors as to the Federal, state, local, foreign, and other tax consequences of their receipt of awards under the 2024 Plan.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR this proposal.

#### **VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on this proposal is required for approval of this proposal. Abstentions and unvoted shares, including broker non-votes, will not be considered by us as votes cast.

# ITEM 3: ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

This proposal presents shareholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote to approve our compensation program for our executive officers in accordance with Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act). We currently conduct advisory shareholder votes on our executive compensation program annually. Our executive compensation philosophy and our compensation program, plans, and awards for 2023 for our named executive officers, are described above in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and in "Executive Compensation."

Our executive compensation program is intended to attract and retain qualified executives and motivate them to achieve both short-term and longer-term business results that management and the Compensation and Talent Committee believe will drive shareholder returns over time. While we seek to maintain a consistent compensation program from year to year (generally comprised principally of salary, performance-based and time-based equity awards, and annual cash incentives), the Compensation and Talent Committee sets the details of the applicable compensation awards for executive officers each year, including performance goals and the potential compensation levels that may be attained. The Compensation and Talent Committee also considers modifications to the program, for example in the context of external hiring. Our named executive officers' pay is heavily weighted toward performancebased compensation and equity-based awards and is intended to align our executives' interests with those of our shareholders. We believe that the amount of compensation paid to our executives is reasonable and competitive with similarly sized public companies. although generally above median compensation can be earned when aggressive performance goals are achieved under our various incentive plans. We provide limited perquisites to executives, while including competitive health and welfare benefits, deferral rights, and limited severance rights. We do not provide pensions or supplemental retirement benefits to our executives.

Our Board recognizes the fundamental interest you, our shareholders, have in our executive compensation practices. We value your input on these matters and encourage you to contact the Board through one of the methods outlined above under "Other Board of Directors Information - Communications with the Board of Directors" should you have specific points of view or concerns that you would like the Board or the Compensation and Talent Committee to consider. Although this is an advisory vote, and the result accordingly will not be binding on the Board, our Compensation and Talent Committee will consider the outcome of the vote and any related communications from shareholders when evaluating the effectiveness of our compensation program and determining future plans and awards.

Based on the foregoing, the Board is seeking shareholder approval of the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the compensation paid to the company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the company's Proxy Statement dated March 25, 2024, pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and narrative discussions, is hereby APPROVED.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR this proposal.

#### **VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL**

If a majority of the votes cast are cast "FOR" the proposal, shareholders will have approved our current executive compensation program. Abstentions and unvoted shares, including broker non-votes, will not be considered by us as votes cast.

# ITEM 4: PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2024

The Audit Committee of the Board has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the independent registered public accounting firm to perform an integrated audit of the consolidated financial statements of The Progressive Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2024, and the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024. The committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the company's independent registered public accounting firm and it oversees the negotiation of the fees that are paid for these services. In the course of these responsibilities, the committee periodically considers whether it would be in the company's and shareholders' interests to change the company's independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, the committee ensures the regular rotation of the lead audit partner, and in connection with that rotation, the committee and its Chair are involved in the selection of the new lead audit partner. PwC's current lead audit partner has been in place since the 2022 audit.

In connection with the 2023 audit, the committee continued its practice of conducting an annual, formal review of PwC's performance. This process involves feedback from committee members, management, and PwC concerning various dimensions of PwC's work, including the quality of services, relevant skills, audit planning and execution, sufficiency of resources, communication and interactions, and the auditor's independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism. In evaluating PwC's independence, the committee

further considers the extent of non-audit services performed by PwC, which could adversely impact PwC's independence and objectivity. Based on these reviews, the Audit Committee believes that the continued retention of PwC to serve as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2024 is in the best interests of the company and its shareholders.

Pursuant to this proposal, we are asking shareholders to ratify the committee's selection of PwC. If shareholders do not ratify the appointment of PwC, the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm will be reconsidered by the Audit Committee, but the committee may decide to continue the engagement of PwC for 2024, due to difficulties in making such a transition after the year has begun. In such a case, the committee would again consider such a vote in connection with the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm for 2025. PwC has been our external auditors continuously since 1998, when its predecessor merged with Coopers & Lybrand, which had been our external auditors continuously since 1984.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR this proposal.

# **VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on this proposal is required for approval. Abstentions and unvoted shares will not be considered by us as votes cast.

# OTHER INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM INFORMATION

# **APPROVAL OF AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES**

The Audit Committee of the Board requires that each engagement of PwC, or other appointed independent auditors, to perform any audit or permissible non-audit services must be approved by the committee or be entered into under the committee's pre-approved authority described below. The committee expects that most engagements will be approved by the committee at the time that the independent auditor is engaged for its annual audit services. Proposed services that arise thereafter may be separately reviewed and, if appropriate, approved by the committee. In addition, the committee has authorized management, between regular committee meetings, to enter into specific categories of services on a pre-approved basis,

subject to specific dollar caps. Those pre-approved categories include services relating to:

- securities offerings;
- financial statements and public disclosures for SEC and insurance regulatory filings;
- the operation or implementation of the company's systems or processes;
- acquisitions, divestitures, or other transactions;
- state and local taxes; and
- ordinary course purchases of accounting tools, education, and similar items.

All engagements entered into under this pre-approved authority must be reported to the committee at its next regular meeting. The committee has not adopted any other policies or procedures that would permit management to engage PwC or any other appointed independent auditor for non-audit services without the specific prior approval of the committee.

# INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES

Following are the aggregate fees billed by PwC for the fiscal years ended December 31:

Fees	2023	2022
Audit	\$ 5,790,624	\$ 5,806,505
Audit-related	1,333,614	967,732
Tax	9,505	60,118
Other	129,858	147,494
Total	\$ 7,263,601	\$ 6,981,849

 <u>Audit fees</u> Amounts include professional services rendered for the integrated audit of Progressive's consolidated financial statements, statutory audits, and the audit of our internal controls over financial reporting.

- <u>Audit-related fees</u> Amounts include procedures in connection with the implementation of new systems and providing assurance on our internal controls for reliance by third-parties.
- <u>Tax fees</u> Amounts include fees for tax planning, consultation, and advice.
- Other Amounts include PwC's attestation services, along with fees for data we purchased from them.

All of these fees were either pre-approved by the Audit Committee, or entered into under the pre-approved authority previously described.

Representatives of PwC are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have the opportunity to make a statement about Progressive's financial condition, if they desire to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

# **ITEM 5: SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL**

We expect the following proposal (Item 5 on the proxy card and voting instruction card) to be presented by the National Center for Public Policy Research for consideration at the annual meeting. The shareholder proponent's address and shareholdings will be supplied promptly upon oral or written request. Following SEC rules, other than minor formatting changes, we are reprinting the proposal and supporting statement as it was submitted to us.

# Report to Shareholders on Risks Created by the Company's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts

### WHEREAS:

The US Supreme Court ruled in *SFFA v. Harvard* on June 29, 2023, that discriminating on the basis of race in college admissions violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.<sup>1</sup>

Attorneys General of 13 States warned Fortune 100 companies on July 13, 2023, that *SFFA* implicated corporate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs.<sup>2</sup>

Prior legal advice regarding the legality of racially discriminatory programs has been called into question post-SFFA.<sup>3</sup>

Recent analysis of American Fortune 100 hiring in the wake of the 2020 race riots found that whites were excluded from 94% of the hiring decisions,<sup>4</sup> a statistic that itself provides *prima facie* proof of illegal discrimination on the basis of race by these companies, given that whites constitute 76% of the American population.<sup>5</sup>

A review of Progressive's website on Nov. 21, 2023, revealed that Progressive has possibly implemented illegal racial quotas by (1) setting "an ambitious goal to double the representation of people of color in senior leadership from 10% to 20% by the end of 2025," and (2) implementing hiring practices resulting in 21 percent of Progressive employees being Black even though Blacks only make up 12 percent of the U.S. population, which may explain why Asians and "LatinX" employees are underrepresented. The foregoing may partly explain why a 2022 article in *Insurance Business* ran under a headline that read in part: "Progressive slammed for 'woke' hiring practices."

# **RESOLVED:**

Shareholders ask that the board commission and publish a report on (1) whether the Company engages in any practices directly or indirectly associated with diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives that may create risks of discriminating illegally on bases such as race and sex, thereby potentially triggering justice-seeking responses from stakeholders of the company (including employees, suppliers, contractors, and retained professionals), and (2) the potential costs of such discrimination to the business.

### **SUPPORTING STATEMENT:**

In just the past year, a corporation was successfully sued for a single case of discrimination against a white employee resulting in an award of more than \$25 million. The risk of being sued for such discrimination appears only to be rising. With over 50,000 employees, Progressive likely has at least 37,000 employees who are potentially the victims of this type of illegal discrimination because they are white, Asian, male, or straight. Accordingly, even if only 10 percent of such employees were to file suit, and only 10 percent of those prove successful, the cost to the company could exceed \$9 billion. And while racial equity audits can cost up to \$4 million, this report should cost much less, as it need review only the potentially discriminatory programs, unless Progressive has established so many such programs that its liability for this discrimination must be expected to be much higher.

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- <sup>3</sup> https://freebeacon.com/democrats/starbucks-hired-eric-holder-to-conduct-a-civil-rights-audit-the-policies-he-blessed-got-the-coffee-maker-sued/
- <sup>4</sup> https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2023-black-lives-matter-equal-opportunity-corporate-diversity/https://www.dailywire.com/news/bloomberg-flubs-data-for-bombshell-report-that-only-6-of-new-corporate-hires-are-white
- <sup>5</sup> https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045222
- <sup>6</sup> https://www.progressive.com/about/diversity-and-inclusion/
- <sup>7</sup> Id.
- <sup>8</sup> https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/us/news/breaking-news/ceo-steps-in-as-progressive-slammed-for-woke-hiring-practices-406351.aspx
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# **Our Board's Statement in Opposition**

The Board has considered the proposal and believes that the proposal would not be in the best interests of the Company or its shareholders.

# The Board maintains active oversight.

Progressive regularly monitors and reviews its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs and efforts to assess their effectiveness and to evaluate and address any potential risks associated with them. The Board engages regularly with management on these matters, and has done so for many years, consistent with Progressive's longstanding approach to fostering a healthy and engaging work environment. The Board oversees these programs and efforts and their related risks through the Compensation and Talent Committee.

# Our DEI programs and initiatives are longstanding, inclusive, and designed to comply with law.

DEI is nothing new at Progressive. Our commitment to the underlying principles of DEI stretches back well over a decade, since long before DEI became the subject of heightened external attention. Indeed, our DEI philosophy is integral to how we do business and stems directly from our five longstanding Core Values: Integrity, Golden Rule, Objectives, Excellence, and Profit.

For us, DEI is about nurturing an inclusive culture that empowers all Progressive people to learn, grow, and reach toward their career aspirations. DEI is not a standalone initiative, but a foundation of our awardwinning culture of welcoming difference and disagreement, challenging assumptions, and embracing new ideas. We believe this culture has helped us expand and grow our businesses and deliver superior performance and value creation for all of our shareholders—and additional career opportunities for all Progressive people. As such, we believe DEI as we define and implement it is not only plainly lawful, but a business imperative.

We focus our DEI efforts on attracting, developing, and retaining talented, passionate people, regardless of demographic background. We seek people who care deeply about their work and each other, and we're committed to providing our employees a work environment where they feel comfortable being themselves at work, introducing new ideas, and sharing different points of view. We also work hard to offer all Progressive employees the tools and support they need to excel in their roles, achieve their full potential, and find professional fulfillment and the motivation to build long-term careers at Progressive. Every day, our talented employees create innovative products and services, serve our customers, and work hard to help us achieve our Vision of becoming consumers', agents', and business owners' No. 1 destination for insurance and other financial needs.

We integrate DEI into our workplace in many ways, all directed at creating an environment where all our people feel welcomed, valued, and respected. For example, we offer nine different Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), each of which is open to all employees and through which we build community,

raise cultural awareness, and promote workplace inclusivity. Our ERGs serve not just to enhance our work environment, but to build our business by providing firsthand knowledge and information about opportunities to better serve our customers. We also host a recurring event, Inclusion Quarterly, which features a series of speakers, discussion groups, and storytelling focused on the themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion. These are just two of our many inclusive opportunities.

# We believe the proposal fundamentally misunderstands the meaning and operation of DEI at Progressive.

We do not have "quotas" for our workforce. We recognize the great breadth of diversity of our employees and of the external talent market, from demographic diversity to diversity of experiences, perspectives, backgrounds, and more. We recruit broadly, seeking to leave no corner of this diverse talent pool untapped, whether we're hiring from within our workforce or from external markets. We believe that if our recruiting, retention, and development efforts are successful, and if we hire the best candidates for each of our openings, then we will naturally find diversity—in all its dimensions—in our candidate pools and, ultimately, at every level of our workforce.

We believe this proposal's supposition that "Progressive likely has at least 37,000 employees who are potentially the victims of...illegal discrimination because they are white, Asian, male, or straight" is cynical, baseless, and runs counter to our longstanding commitment to non-discrimination. Progressive's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which all Progressive people must follow, "prohibit[s] discrimination by or against any person on the basis of age, race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military or veteran status or any other factor that is unrelated to Progressive's legitimate business interests." By

suggesting that Progressive's demographic makeup is driven by an "illegal racial quota" rather than the outcome of our thoughtful investments in culture and talent, the proposal supposes that hiring the best people is somehow incompatible with demographic diversity. We feel that our company's accomplishments conclusively disprove this misguided view. Simply put, Progressive's commitment to non-discrimination is foundational to our DEI philosophy, not at odds with it.

In sum, DEI at Progressive is focused on creating a meritocratic workplace where people from all walks of life can thrive and contribute to our success.

# We believe the proposed report is unnecessary and would not meaningfully benefit shareholders.

We recognize the importance of transparency and provide substantial disclosure concerning our workforce and DEI at Progressive. We believe these existing disclosures, including in our Corporate Sustainability Report, in SEC filings, and on our dedicated DEI site at progressive.com/about/ diversity-and-inclusion, provide meaningful information that allows shareholders to determine the effectiveness of our DEI efforts. (These additional existing disclosures are not incorporated by reference in, and do not form part of, this Proxy Statement or any other SEC filing.)

For the reasons described above, the Board believes the requested report is unnecessary, would be a poor use of the Company's resources, and would not be in the best interests of the Company or its shareholders. Therefore, the Board recommends that you vote AGAINST this proposal.

# **VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on this proposal is required for approval. Abstentions and unvoted shares, including broker non-votes, will not be considered by us as votes cast.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

# PROCEDURES FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOMINATIONS OF DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

# To Recommend a Candidate for our Board of Directors

Pursuant to the Nominating and Governance Committee's charter, the Board has adopted procedures for Progressive's shareholders to propose director candidates and a policy of considering such candidates. Any shareholder desiring to propose a candidate for election to the Board may do so by mailing to Progressive's Secretary a written notice identifying the candidate. The written notice must also include the supporting information required by these procedures, the complete text of which can be found on our website at progressive.com/governance. The notice and supporting information should be sent to the Secretary at the following address:

David M. Stringer, Secretary The Progressive Corporation 6300 Wilson Mills Road Mayfield Village, OH 44143

Upon receipt, the Secretary will forward the notice and the other information provided to the Nominating and Governance Committee.

Shareholders may recommend candidates to the committee pursuant to these procedures at any time. However, to be considered by the committee in connection with Progressive's 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Secretary must receive the shareholder's recommendation and the information required by the procedures on our website on or before November 30, 2024.

The committee's policy is to review and evaluate each candidate for nomination properly recommended by shareholders on the same basis as all other candidates, as previously discussed in "Item 1: Election of Directors - Director Nominee Selection Process." The committee will give strong preference to candidates who are likely to be deemed independent under SEC and NYSE rules. As to candidates recommended by a shareholder, the committee may give more weight to candidates who are unaffiliated with the shareholder recommending their nomination and to candidates who are recommended by longstanding shareholders with significant share ownership (i.e., greater than 1% of our common shares owned for more than two years). Upon the expiration of a director's term on the Board, that director will be given

preference for nomination when the director indicates their willingness to continue serving and, in the committee's judgment, the director has made, and is likely to continue to make, significant contributions to the Board and Progressive.

We will not publicize any decision by the committee not to nominate a particular individual for election to the Board, unless required by applicable laws or NYSE rules. The committee will have no obligation to respond to shareholders who recommend candidates that the committee has determined not to nominate for election to the Board, but the committee may choose to do so.

# To Nominate a Person for Election as a Director Under our Proxy Access Provision

Under the proxy access provision in our Code of Regulations, an Eligible Shareholder who complies with the provision may nominate one or more individuals for election to the Board of Directors at an annual shareholders' meeting and have the nomination included in the company's proxy statement for that meeting. An Eligible Shareholder is a record or beneficial owner (or group of up to 20 record and/or beneficial owners) that has owned continuously for at least three years at least 3% of our outstanding common shares. A shareholder cannot be a part of more than one group nominating individuals for any particular annual meeting. Among other technical details, the proxy access provision includes rules to determine whether a record or beneficial holder "owns" the common shares of the company for purposes of the proxy access provision and addresses the treatment of loaned shares and hedging transactions.

The number of nominees that can be nominated under the proxy access provision for any particular annual meeting cannot exceed one or 20% of the number of directors then in office (rounded down to the nearest whole number), whichever is greater, reduced by (a) the number of nominees for which the company has received nominations under a separate provision of our Code of Regulations related to shareholder nominations for director that are not intended to be included in the company's proxy statement, (b) the number of directors or nominees that will be included in the proxy statement (as an unopposed (by the company) nominee) as a result of an agreement, arrangement, or other understanding between the company and a shareholder, and (c) the number of directors then in office who were originally nominated and elected through the proxy access provision and will again be included in the company's proxy

statement (except to the extent that any such director has served continuously for two terms as a nominee of the Board). If the company receives more nominations under the proxy access provision than are permitted, then the Eligible Shareholder with the largest stock ownership will be able to nominate one individual, and the Eligible Shareholder with the second largest stock ownership will be able to nominate one individual, and so on until the number of permitted nominations is reached.

The deadline for an Eligible Shareholder to submit a shareholder nomination under the proxy access provision for the 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders is November 25, 2024. For any nomination to be considered timely under the proxy access provision, the company must receive by the deadline the shareholder nomination and all required information and documentation described in our proxy access provision, and any supporting statement of 500 words or less that the Eligible Shareholder wishes to be included in the proxy statement. Shareholder nominations and related documentation should be sent to the Secretary at the address set forth above.

The proxy access provision has a number of additional limitations and requirements related to director nominations by Eligible Shareholders. Interested parties should review our Code of Regulations.

# To Nominate a Person for Election as a Director Under our Advance Notice Provision

A shareholder who intends to nominate one or more individuals for election to the Board of Directors at an annual shareholders' meeting but does not want the nomination included in the company's proxy statement for that meeting, may nominate directors if the shareholder complies with the advance notice provision in our Code of Regulations.

To nominate a director for election under the advance notice provision for the 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, written notice must be received by the Secretary between January 10, 2025, and February 9, 2025, together with all required information described in the advance notice provision in our Code of Regulations. A shareholder's notice should be sent to the Secretary at the address set forth above. In the event the date of the annual shareholders' meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after the first anniversary of the immediately preceding year's annual shareholders' meeting, notice by the shareholder to be timely must be received not later than the 90th day prior to the current year's annual meeting or, if later, the 10th day following the day on

which public disclosure of the date of the current year's annual meeting is first given to shareholders.

In addition to the requirements of our advance notice provision, shareholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the company's nominees must also comply with the additional requirements of Rule 14a-19(b) under the Exchange Act (including a statement in the shareholder's notice that such shareholder intends to solicit the holders of shares representing at least 67% of the voting power of shares entitled to vote on the election of directors in support of director nominees other than the company's nominees).

# To Make a Shareholder Proposal

Any shareholder who intends to present a proposal at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders for inclusion in the Proxy Statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting in compliance with SEC Rule 14a-8 is advised that the proposal must be received by the Secretary at our principal executive offices at the address set forth above, on or before November 25, 2024. Shareholder proposals that are not intended to comply with Rule 14a-8 must be submitted to us between January 10, 2025, and February 9, 2025, together with the supporting information required by our Code of Regulations, to ensure that they may be presented at our Annual Meeting in 2025. If a shareholder submits such a proposal after February 9, 2025, the presiding officer at the Annual Meeting may refuse to acknowledge the proposal. However, if the presiding officer allows the consideration of a proposal submitted after February 9, 2025, the proxies designated by the Board may exercise their discretionary voting authority with respect to any such proposal, without our discussing the proposal in our proxy materials.

# **HOUSEHOLDING**

SEC regulations permit a single set of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement to be sent to any household at which two or more shareholders reside if they appear to be members of the same family. Each shareholder will continue to receive a separate proxy card. This procedure, referred to as householding, reduces the volume of duplicate information shareholders receive and reduces our mailing and printing costs. A number of brokerage firms have also instituted householding procedures. In accordance with a notice sent to certain beneficial shareholders who share a single address, only one copy of this Proxy Statement and the attached Annual Report will be sent to that address, unless any shareholder residing at that address gives contrary instructions.

We will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of this Proxy Statement and the attached Annual Report to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered.

A shareholder who wishes to receive a separate copy of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report, now or in the future, can make that request by:

- calling toll-free: 1-866-540-7095:
- writing to: The Progressive Corporation, Investor Relations, 6300 Wilson Mills Road, Box W33, Mayfield Village, OH 44143; or
- emailing: investor\_relations@progressive.com.

Shareholders sharing an address who are receiving multiple copies of these materials can request to receive a single copy of such materials in the future by contacting us at the phone number or addresses provided above.

# **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Within the preceding three years, Progressive has not made a contribution to any charitable organization in which any of our directors serves as a director, trustee, or executive officer.

The Progressive Insurance Foundation, which is a charitable foundation that receives contributions from Progressive, contributes to certain qualified tax-exempt organizations identified by our ERGs and

others that are recommended by our employees through the Name Your Cause program. In honoring an employee's recommendation, the Foundation may have contributed to charitable organizations in which one or more of our directors, nominees, or executives may be affiliated as an executive officer, director, or trustee. See "Proxy Statement Summary – Human Capital Management – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" for more information.

#### SOLICITATION

Progressive is paying the cost of this solicitation, including the reasonable expenses of brokerage firms and other record holders for forwarding these proxy materials to beneficial owners. In addition to solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited by telephone, facsimile, other electronic means, or in person. We have engaged the firm of Morrow Sodali LLC, 333 Ludlow Street, 5th Floor, South Tower, Stamford, CT 06902 to assist us in the solicitation of proxies at an estimated fee of \$16,500 plus expenses. Proxies may also be solicited by our directors, officers, and employees without additional compensation.

# **PROXY VOTING MATTERS**

If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named in the proxy, or their substitutes, will vote thereon in accordance with their judgment. The Board does not know at this time of any other matters that will be presented for action at the meeting.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

### Why did I receive these materials?

You received these materials because you were a shareholder of The Progressive Corporation on March 15, 2024, the record date. We hold a meeting of our shareholders annually. This year, the Annual Meeting will be held entirely online via live audio-only webcast to allow for greater participation by all of our shareholders, regardless of their geographic location. At the meeting, shareholders will be asked to vote on the matters listed in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Since it is not practical or convenient for all shareholders to attend the virtual Annual Meeting, our Board of Directors is seeking your proxy to vote on these matters.

#### What is a proxy?

A proxy is the legal authority that you give to another person to vote the shares you own at our Annual Meeting. The person you designate to vote your shares also is referred to as your proxy. If you designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document sometimes is referred to as

a proxy or proxy card. When you submit a proxy card or you submit your vote online or by calling a toll-free number, the person named as your proxy is required to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting in the manner you have instructed. Voting by proxy ensures that your vote is counted without having to attend the Annual Meeting.

#### Who is soliciting my proxy?

This solicitation of proxies is made by and on behalf of our Board of Directors. The Board has approved the matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting.

# What is a proxy statement?

This document (excluding the 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders, which is attached as an appendix) is our Proxy Statement. A proxy statement is a document that SEC regulations require us to give shareholders when we are soliciting shareholders' proxies to vote their shares. This Proxy Statement and the Annual Report contain important information about The Progressive Corporation and its subsidiaries and

affiliates, and about the matters that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Please read these materials carefully so that you have the information you need to make informed decisions.

# How do I access the live audio-only webcast option for the Annual Meeting?

Any shareholder can listen and participate in the Annual Meeting via live audio-only webcast at virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PGR2024. The audioonly webcast will start at 10:00 a.m., eastern time. You will need your 16-digit control number that is shown on your proxy card or voting instruction form to vote and submit questions before or while attending the meeting online. If your voting instruction form does not include a 16-digit control number, you must contact your brokerage firm, bank, or other financial institution ("broker") for instructions to access the meeting. If you do not have your 16-digit control number, you will still be able to attend the Annual Meeting as a "guest" and listen to the proceedings, but you will not be able to vote, ask questions, or otherwise participate. A replay of the audio-only webcast of our Annual Meeting will be made available on our website for approximately one year.

The virtual meeting will be fully supported across browsers (Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Safari) and devices (desktops, laptops, tablets, and other mobile devices) running the most updated version of applicable software and plugins. We strongly recommend that you ensure you have a strong Wi-Fi or cell phone connection.

Shareholders are encouraged to log into the webcast 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to provide time to register, test their internet or cell phone connectivity, and download the required software, if needed.

# What if I have technical or other IT problems logging into or participating in the Annual Meeting audio-only webcast?

A toll-free technical support "help line" will be available on the morning of the Annual Meeting for any shareholder who is having challenges logging into or participating in the meeting. If you encounter technical difficulties, please call the technical support line number that will be posted on the virtual Annual Meeting login page at virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PGR2024. Technical support will be available 15 minutes before the start of the Annual Meeting and until the end of the meeting. The technical support will not be able to provide you with your 16-digit control number, however, so ensure that you have that number available prior to accessing the Annual Meeting.

# Can I ask questions before or during the Annual Meeting?

Shareholders as of the record date may submit questions in advance of the Annual Meeting at proxyvote.com and shortly before or during the Annual Meeting through the virtual meeting platform at virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PGR2024. In order to submit questions online before the meeting or while attending the virtual meeting, you will need your 16-digit control number that is shown on your proxy card or voting instruction form. If you enter the meeting as a guest, you will not be able to submit questions.

Please refer to the Rules of Conduct and Procedures for the Annual Meeting that will be posted on the meeting website and our Investor Relations website at investors.progressive.com for more information.

# Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Holders of our common shares at the close of business on March 15, 2024, the record date, are entitled to receive the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and to vote their shares at the Annual Meeting. Each share is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and on each other matter properly brought before the meeting.

# What is the difference between a "shareholder of record" and a shareholder who holds shares in "street-name?"

If you hold Progressive common shares directly, either in stock certificate form or book-entry form, in your name with our transfer agent, Equiniti Trust Company, LLC, you are a "shareholder of record" (also known as a registered shareholder). The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement, Annual Report to Shareholders, and proxy card have been sent directly to you by us or our representative.

If you own your shares indirectly through a broker, your shares are said to be held in "street-name." Technically, your broker votes those shares. In this case, these materials and a voting instruction form have been forwarded to you by your broker or their designated representative. Through this process, your broker collects voting instructions from all of its customers who hold Progressive common shares and then submits votes to us in accordance with those instructions.

Under NYSE rules, we expect that your broker will NOT be able to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors, and Items 2, 3, and 5, UNLESS you provide voting instructions to your broker (see the question "What are broker discretionary voting and broker non-votes?" below for more information). We strongly encourage you to exercise your right to vote.

#### How can I vote?

Internet or Telephone All shareholders of record can vote online or by touch-tone telephone prior to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from the U.S. and Canada, following the directions on the proxy card. Online and telephone voting for streetname holders is typically made available by brokers. If applicable to you, voting instructions will be included in the materials you receive from them.

If you vote online or by telephone, you do not have to return your proxy card or voting instruction form.

<u>Mail</u> All shareholders of record can vote using the enclosed proxy card. Please be sure to complete, sign, and date the proxy card and return it in the enclosed, prepaid envelope. If you are a street-name holder, you will receive from your broker information on how to submit your voting instructions.

At the Virtual Meeting All shareholders of record may vote online at the Annual Meeting. Street-name holders may vote online at the Annual Meeting if they obtain a 16-digit control number from their broker (typically on their voting instruction form). If you hold your shares in street-name and want to participate in the virtual Annual Meeting but did not receive a 16-digit control number, you must contact your broker for instructions to access the meeting. Participants in the 401(k) plan are not eligible to vote online at the virtual Annual Meeting.

401(k) Plan Participants If you hold shares through Progressive's 401(k) plan, you will receive separate information on how to instruct the plan trustee to vote the shares held on your behalf under the plan. If your voting instructions are received before the trustee's deadline, your 401(k) plan shares will be voted

according to the instructions that you provide. If you do not specify your voting instructions in the manner required, your shares will not be voted. To allow the trustee sufficient time to process instructions, you must submit your voting instructions by 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

# If I submit a proxy, may I later change or revoke it?

Yes. If you are a shareholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before votes are cast at the Annual Meeting by:

- providing written notice to the Secretary of the company;
- timely delivering a valid, later-dated, and signed proxy card or a later-dated vote via the Internet or by telephone prior to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on Thursday, May 9, 2024; or
- voting at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a street-name holder of shares, you may submit new voting instructions by contacting your broker. You may also attend the audio-only webcast for the Annual Meeting and vote at the Annual Meeting, if you obtain a 16-digit control number as described in the answer to the previous question.

If you hold shares through our 401(k) plan, you can change your voting instructions at any time prior to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024; voting of 401(k) plan shares at the Annual Meeting is not permitted.

Only your last vote will be counted. All shares that have been properly voted and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting as instructed.

#### Who counts the votes?

Votes will be tabulated by, or under the direction of, the Inspector(s) of Election, who may be our regular employee(s). The Inspector(s) of Election will certify the results of the voting.

# What are my voting options and what vote is needed to pass the proposals included in this Proxy Statement?

You have the right to vote FOR or AGAINST each director nominee and each other proposal, or to ABSTAIN from voting. Assuming that at least a majority of our common shares outstanding are present at the meeting either virtually or by proxy (called a quorum), the following table summarizes the vote required for approval regarding the director elections and each other proposal, as well as the Board's voting recommendation.

Item Number	Proposal	Board Recommendation	Affirmative Vote Required for Approval <sup>1</sup>	Broker Discretionary Voting Allowed? <sup>2</sup>
1	Elect as directors the 12 nominees identified in this Proxy Statement, each to serve for a term of one year	FOR each nominee	Majority of votes cast	No
2	Approve The Progressive Corporation 2024 Equity Incentive Plan	FOR	Majority of votes cast	No
3	Cast an advisory vote to approve our executive compensation program	FOR	Majority of votes cast	No
4	Ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2024	FOR	Majority of votes cast	Yes
5	Act on a shareholder proposal, if properly presented	AGAINST	Majority of votes cast	No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Abstentions and unvoted shares (including broker non-votes) will not be considered by us as votes cast.

# What are broker discretionary voting and broker non-votes?

For shares held in street-name, when a broker does not receive voting instructions from its customers, the question arises whether the broker is able to vote those shares. For us, the answer to that question depends on whether the NYSE classifies the matter being voted on as "routine" or "non-routine."

For routine matters, the NYSE gives brokers the discretion to vote, even if they have not received voting instructions from their customers (sometimes referred to as the beneficial owners). Each broker has its own policies that control whether or not it casts votes for routine matters. In this Proxy Statement, only the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm (Item 4) is expected to be considered routine by the NYSE.

For non-routine matters, the NYSE prohibits brokers from casting votes on behalf of the beneficial owners if the broker has not received voting instructions. When the broker is unable to vote under these rules, it reports the number of unvoted shares to us as "broker non-votes." In this Proxy Statement, each item other

than Item 4, the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm, is expected to be considered non-routine by the NYSE. As a result, on each of those items, if you hold your shares in streetname, your shares will NOT be voted unless you give instructions to your broker.

The NYSE will make final determinations about our proposals and will inform the brokers whether each proposal is considered routine or non-routine. To ensure that your shares are voted, we strongly encourage you to provide your broker with your voting instructions.

### Can I access the proxy materials on the Internet?

Yes. The proxy materials and our Annual Report to Shareholders are available on a dedicated website at progressiveproxy.com. In addition, our Annual Report on Form 10-K is available at the Investor Relations section of our website at progressive.com/sec.

If you hold your shares in street-name, your broker may also provide you copies of these documents electronically. Please check the information provided in the proxy materials delivered to you by your broker regarding the availability of this service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See the question below entitled "What are broker discretionary voting and broker non-votes?" for additional explanation.

# **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

Progressive's Corporate Governance Guidelines, Board of Director Committee Charters, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and CEO/Senior Financial Officer Code of Ethics are available at progressive.com/governance. You can also request printed copies of these documents by writing to The Progressive Corporation, Investor Relations, 6300 Wilson Mills Road, Box W33, Mayfield Village, OH 44143 or emailing investor\_relations@progressive.com.

We will furnish, without charge, to each person to whom a Proxy Statement is delivered a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2023 (other than certain exhibits). You can make that request by writing or calling us. Written requests for these documents should be sent to The Progressive Corporation, Investor Relations, 6300 Wilson Mills Road, Box W33, Mayfield Village, OH 44143 or emailed to investor\_relations@progressive.com. Or you can call us at 440-395-2222 to request these documents.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David M. Stringer, Secretary

March 25, 2024



# **EXHIBIT A**

### THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

#### 2024 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

### SECTION 1. Establishment; Definitions.

- (a) The Progressive Corporation, an Ohio corporation (the "Company"), hereby establishes an incentive compensation plan for key employees, to be known as "The Progressive Corporation 2024 Equity Incentive Plan," as set forth in this document. The Plan permits the grant of Restricted Stock Units, Restricted Stock, Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights and Dividend Equivalents to key employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates. The purpose of the Plan is to enable the Company to attract, retain, motivate and reward key employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates and strengthen the mutuality of interests between such key employees and the Company's shareholders by offering such key employees equity or equity-based incentives.
  - (b) For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" means any entity (other than the Company and its Subsidiaries) that the Company, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, determined by the possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of management or policies of such entity (through ownership of securities, by contract or otherwise).

"Award" means any award of Restricted Stock Units, Restricted Stock, Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights or Dividend Equivalents under the Plan.

"Award Agreement" means a written or electronic agreement or grant certificate setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to an Award granted to a Participant under the Plan.

"Award Installment" means, (i) if an Award consists of multiple installments, each with a separate Vesting Date, Expiration Date and/or other unique term or condition, any one of such installments, or (ii) if the Award consists of a single installment, then the entire Award.

"Automatic Exercise Date" means, with respect to an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right, the last business day of the applicable Option Term or Stock Appreciation Right term that was established by the Committee for such Option or Stock Appreciation Right (e.g., the last business day prior to the 10th anniversary of the date of grant of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right if the Option or Stock Appreciation Right initially had a 10-year Option Term or Stock Appreciation Right term, as applicable); provided that with respect to an Option or Stock Appreciation Right that has been amended pursuant to this Plan so as to alter the applicable Option Term or Stock Appreciation Right term, "Automatic Exercise Date" shall mean the last business day of the applicable Option Term or Stock Appreciation Right term that was established by the Committee for such Option or Stock Appreciation Right as amended.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Cause" means, unless otherwise determined by the Committee and stated in the Award Agreement for any Award: a felony conviction of a Participant or the failure of a Participant to contest prosecution for a felony; a Participant's willful misconduct or dishonesty, any of which, in the judgment of the Committee, is harmful to the business or reputation of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate; or any material violation of any of the provisions of a Code of Conduct, or of any confidentiality agreement, non-solicitation agreement, or other agreement between the Participant and the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate.

"Change in Control" means the happening of any of the following events:

(i) An acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 30% or more of either (1) the then outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (2) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting")

Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (w) any acquisition directly from the Company, (x) any acquisition by the Company, (y) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any entity controlled by the Company, or (z) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (iii) of this definition); or

- (ii) A change in the composition of the Board such that the individuals who, as of the Plan Effective Date, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that, for purposes of this definition, any individual who becomes a member of the Board subsequent to the Plan Effective Date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of those individuals who are members of the Board and who were also members of the Incumbent Board (or deemed to be such pursuant to this proviso) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board; provided further, that any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board shall not be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- The consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar (iii) transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or securities of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (1) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (2) no Person (excluding any entity resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 30% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (3) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent body or committee) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or
- (iv) The approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

"Change in Control Price" means the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Index on the last full trading day immediately preceding the occurrence of the Change in Control.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto, and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Code of Conduct" means the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Chief Executive Officer/ Senior Financial Officer Code of Ethics, or any other Company code or standards of conduct applicable to the Participant from time to time.

"Committee" means the Compensation and Talent Committee of the Board or a subcommittee of that committee.

"Company" means The Progressive Corporation, an Ohio corporation, or any successor corporation (which, following a Change in Control where the Company becomes a wholly-owned Affiliate of another Person, shall mean the ultimate parent entity of such Person (if such Person is not the ultimate parent entity) (the "New Company")).

"Disability" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, permanent and total disability as determined under the Company's long-term disability plan applicable to the Participant.

"Disqualification Date" means the earliest date as of which the Participant engaged in any Disqualifying Activity, as determined by the Committee.

"Disqualifying Activity" means any of the following acts or activities:

- (i) directly or indirectly serving as a principal, shareholder, partner, director, officer, employee or agent of, or as a consultant or advisor or in any other capacity to, any business or entity which competes with the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates in any business or activity then conducted by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates to any extent deemed material by the Committee, without the Company's prior written consent; or
- (ii) any disclosure by the Participant, or any use by the Participant for his or her own benefit or for the benefit of any other person or entity (other than the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates), of any confidential information or trade secret of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates without the prior written consent of the Company; or
- (iii) any material violation of any of the provisions of any Code of Conduct or any agreement between the Participant and the Company, as determined by the Committee; or
- (iv) making any other disclosure or taking any other action which is determined by the Committee to be materially detrimental to the business, prospects or reputation of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates; or
- (v) the Participant's failure, in any material respect, to perform his or her assigned responsibilities as an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, as determined by the Committee after consulting with the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Human Resources Officer.

The ownership of less than 2% of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded corporation which competes with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates shall not constitute a Disqualifying Activity.

"Dividend Equivalent" means an amount equal to a cash dividend paid or the fair market value of property distributed by the Company in respect of one share of Stock.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Expiration Date" means the date upon which an Award, or any portion thereof, is scheduled to expire or terminate if not exercised or vested prior thereto, as determined by the Committee and set forth in the related Award Agreement.

"Fair Market Value" means, as of any given date, the average of the high and low quoted selling price of the Stock on such date on the New York Stock Exchange or, if no such sale of the Stock occurs on the New York Stock Exchange on such date, then such mean price on the next succeeding day on which the Stock was traded on the New York Stock Exchange. If the Stock is no longer traded on the New York Stock Exchange, then the Fair Market Value of the Stock shall be determined by the Committee in good faith.

"Good Reason" means, unless otherwise provided in any Award Agreement, on or after the date of a Change in Control, and subject to the notice and cure provisions contained in Section 11 below:

(i) any significant diminution in the Participant's duties, position (including status, title and reporting requirements), authority, or responsibilities;

- (ii) a decrease, as compared with the 6 months immediately preceding the Change in Control, in any of the Participant's salary, rate of pay, cash bonus opportunity, allotted vacation time, the value of annual time-based and performance-based (if applicable) equity or other long-term incentive awards, or the prompt reimbursement of appropriate business expenses as set forth in the Company's policies immediately prior to the Change in Control (or a reasonable replacement policy);
- (iii) requiring the Participant to be based at an office location other than the location at which he or she was based immediately prior to the Change in Control if the change in office location would increase the Participant's regular commute (using the most direct, commonly traveled route) by greater than 50 miles; or
- (iv) denying the Participant the right to participate in savings, retirement and welfare benefit plans on the same basis (or a substantially similar basis) as is available to other similarly situated employees, subject to legal requirements (including under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974).

"Incentive Stock Option" means any Stock Option intended to be and designated as an "Incentive Stock Option", which satisfies the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or any successor section thereto.

"Independent Director" means a director who satisfies the standards for an independent director as set forth in Section 303A.02 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual or any successor rule thereto.

"Non-Employee Director" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 16b-3(b)(3)(i) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, or any successor definition adopted by the Commission.

"Non-Qualified Stock Option" means any Stock Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.

"Option Exercise Price" means the price at which a share of Stock may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to the exercise of an Option, as determined by the Committee and set forth in the related Award Agreement.

"Option Installment" means an Award Installment of Stock Options.

"Option Term" means the period commencing on the grant date of a Stock Option and terminating on the Expiration Date of such Option.

"Participant" means any individual who received and holds an outstanding Award granted under the Plan.

"Performance-Based Award" means any Award that by the terms of the related Award Agreement is subject to vesting, in whole or in part, upon the Committee's certification of the achievement of Performance Goals established by or under the direction of the Committee and set forth in the related Award Agreement.

"Performance Goals" means the one or more goals established by the Committee based upon business criteria or other performance measures determined by the Committee in its discretion. In determining if Performance Goals have been achieved, the Committee may exclude from any one or more applicable periods the impact of extraordinary, unusual and/or non-recurring items, including, without limitation, (v) any act of God or nature that adversely affects the Company's business operations for a significant period of time, (w) any profit, loss or expense attributable to acquisitions or dispositions of stock, assets or any other portion of a business, (x) operating or financial results attributable to the operations of an entity or business acquired or disposed of by the Company, (y) gains or losses due to litigation or settlements, (z) all other items of gain, loss or expense determined to be extraordinary or unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence, and (aa) such other items as the Committee deems appropriate in its discretion. Unless expressly determined by the Committee at the time the Performance Goals for an Award are established and stated in the related Award Agreement, the satisfaction of any Performance Goals shall be determined by eliminating the impact of any change in accounting rules which becomes effective following the time such Performance Goal is established.

"Plan" means The Progressive Corporation 2024 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

"Prior Plan" means the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

"Qualified Retirement" means, unless otherwise determined by the Committee in any Award Agreement, any termination of a Participant's employment with the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates for any reason (excluding death, and an involuntary termination for Cause) that (a) qualifies as a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A, and (b) occurs on or after the first day of the calendar month in which either of the following conditions are scheduled to be satisfied:

- (i) the Participant is 55 years of age or older and has completed at least 15 years of service as an employee of the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates; or
- (ii) the Participant is 60 years of age or older and has completed at least 10 years of service as an employee of the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

"Qualified Retirement Date" means the date as of which a Participant's employment with the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates terminates pursuant to a Qualified Retirement.

"Qualified Retirement Eligibility Date" means the first day of the calendar month in which the Participant is scheduled to satisfy the age and years-of-service requirements for a Qualified Retirement.

"Restricted Stock" means shares of Stock granted pursuant to Section 7.

"Restricted Stock Unit" or "Unit" means the contractual right awarded pursuant to Section 6.

"Restriction Period" means the period commencing on the date of the Award and expiring on the date on which all restrictions thereon (including any delay in delivery of Stock imposed for purposes of Section 409A) have lapsed and all conditions to vesting of such Award have been satisfied.

"Section 16" means Section 16 of the Exchange Act (or any successor provision) and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Section 16 Participant" means an Eligible Person or Participant under the Plan who is then subject to Section 16.

"Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code (or any successor provision) and the regulations and other guidance promulgated thereunder.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if each of the corporations (other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain) owns stock possessing 80% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain.

"Stock" means the Common Shares, \$1.00 par value per share, of the Company.

"Stock Appreciation Right" means rights granted pursuant to Section 9.

"Stock Option" or "Option" means any option to purchase shares of Stock granted pursuant to Section 8.

"Subsidiary" means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if each of the corporations (other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain) owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain.

"Taxes" means, collectively, any federal, state, local or foreign withholding taxes due.

"Time-Based Award" means any Award that by the terms of the related Award Agreement is subject to vesting if the Participant remains employed by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates for a specified time period determined by or under the direction of the Committee and specified in the related Award Agreement, or earlier if the Committee so determines at the time of grant, including under circumstances in which the Participant's Qualified Retirement Eligibility Date precedes the grant date or occurs during the Restriction Period, provided all other conditions to vesting have been met.

"Vesting Date" means the date on which the conditions to vesting of an Award Installment are satisfied and such Award Installment vests.

# SECTION 2. Administration.

- (a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. The Committee shall consist of not less than two directors of the Company, all of whom shall be Non-Employee Directors and Independent Directors; provided, however, that, if at any time not all members are Non-Employee Directors and Independent Directors, all actions taken by the Committee shall nonetheless be valid for all purposes other than Section 16 of the Exchange Act, if applicable. Because the provisions of this Plan are intended to ensure that no transaction under this Plan is subject to (and all such transactions will be exempt from) the short-swing recovery rules of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, a subcommittee of the Board or the Committee shall be established subject to such limitations as the Board deems appropriate to permit transactions pursuant to this Plan to be exempt (pursuant to Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) from Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve on the Committee at the pleasure of the Board. The functions of the Committee specified in the Plan shall be exercised by the Board if and to the extent that no Committee exists which has the authority to so administer the Plan.
- (b) The Committee shall have full power to interpret and administer the Plan and full authority to select the Eligible Persons to whom Awards will be granted and to determine the type and amount of Awards to be granted to each Eligible Person, the consideration, if any, to be paid for such Awards, the timing of such Awards, the terms and conditions of Awards granted under the Plan and the terms and conditions of the related Award Agreements which will be entered into with Eligible Persons. As to the selection of and grant of Awards to Eligible Persons who are not Section 16 Participants, the Committee shall have the power to delegate its authority and responsibilities to members of the Company's management consistent with applicable law.
- (c) The Committee shall have the authority, from time to time, to: adopt, alter, change and repeal such rules, regulations, guidelines and practices governing the Plan as it shall deem advisable; to interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan and any Award issued under the Plan (and any Award Agreement relating thereto); and to direct employees of the Company or other advisors to prepare such materials or perform such analyses as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate; and otherwise to supervise the administration of the Plan. The Committee may consult with the Company's management and retain consultants and advisors.
- (d) Any interpretation and administration of the Plan by the Committee, and all actions (including discretionary actions) and determinations of the Committee, shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Company, its shareholders, Subsidiaries, Affiliates, all Participants in the Plan, their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns and all persons claiming under or through any of them; provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing or the terms of any Award Agreement, following a Change in Control, any determination as to whether "Cause," "Good Reason" or a "Disqualifying Activity" (or any terms of similar meaning applicable to an Award) exists shall be subject to de novo review by a court, arbitrator or other dispute resolution body, as applicable, in the event of a dispute.
- (e) No member of the Board or of the Committee shall incur any liability for any action taken or omitted, or any determination made, in good faith in connection with the Plan.

# SECTION 3. Stock Subject to the Plan.

(a) Aggregate Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3(c) below, the total number of shares of Stock reserved and available for issuance pursuant to Awards under the Plan is (i) six million (6,000,000), plus (ii) the number of shares remaining available for the granting of awards under the Prior Plan

as of the Plan Effective Date minus 300,000 shares of Stock or such greater number of shares as the Committee may determine prior to such date (which will remain in the Prior Plan to satisfy dividend equivalent rights on awards outstanding under the Prior Plan on such date and related to dividends and distributions to be paid after such date), plus (iii) any shares of Stock that relate to awards granted under the Prior Plan that are outstanding as of as of the Plan Effective Date and that subsequent to that date are cancelled, expired, forfeited or otherwise not issued (to the extent of such cancellation, expiration, forfeiture or lack of issuance). Any Stock issued hereunder may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares or treasury shares.

The actual or deemed reinvestment of dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents in additional Stock, Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units, as applicable, shall only be permissible if, at the time of such actual or deemed reinvestment, sufficient shares of Stock are available under this Section 3 for such reinvestment (taking into account the then outstanding and previously granted Awards, subject to Sections 3(b) and (c) below, including shares of Stock reserved in accordance with Section 5(b)(v)). If an Award provides for the reinvestment of Dividend Equivalents but Dividend Equivalents cannot be reinvested in additional Stock, Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units, as applicable, due to the operation of this Section 3(a), then the Committee may determine alternative mechanism(s) to credit the value of those Dividend Equivalents to the Participant or may discontinue the crediting of such Dividend Equivalents on a prospective basis only.

- (b) Forfeiture or Termination of Awards or Stock. If all or any portion of an Award granted hereunder is forfeited or otherwise terminates or expires without the delivery of Stock, then the Stock that is subject to or reserved for the portion of the Award that is forfeited, terminated or expired shall again be available for issuance in connection with future Awards under the Plan as set forth in Section 3(a), except to the extent the Participant who had been awarded such forfeited, expired or terminated Award (or portion thereof) has theretofore received a benefit of ownership with respect to the Stock covered by such Award (or portion thereof). For purposes hereof, (i) a Participant shall not be deemed to have received a benefit of ownership with respect to an Award by the exercise of voting rights or the accumulation of dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents which are not realized due to the expiration, forfeiture or termination of the related Award without delivery of such Stock to the Participant, and (ii) a Participant shall be deemed to have received a benefit of ownership with respect to any shares of Stock withheld to pay an Option Exercise Price or strike price/base value or to satisfy applicable Taxes in connection with an exercise or vesting of all or any portion of an Award. The number of shares of Stock available for grant under the Plan shall not be reduced by shares subject to Awards granted upon the assumption of or in substitution for awards granted by a business or entity that is merged into or acquired by (or whose assets are acquired by) the Company.
- Adjustment. In the event of any merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization (including, (c) without limitation, extraordinary cash dividends), share dividend, share split, reverse share split, spin-off, stock rights offering, liquidation, acquisition of property or shares, combination of shares or other similar event affecting the Company, the Committee shall make such substitution(s) or adjustment(s) as it deems appropriate and equitable to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights of Participants under the Plan to: (i) the aggregate number and kind of shares of Stock or other security(ies) reserved for issuance under the Plan (including any shares of Stock currently authorized by the Prior Plan and that increase the authorized shares under the Plan pursuant to Section 3(a)); (ii) the various maximum limitations on the number of shares of Stock or Units that may be subject to Awards set forth in Section 3(d) granted to any Participant during any calendar year or other period; (iii) the number and kind of shares of Stock or other securities subject to then outstanding Awards granted under the Plan; (iv) the Option Exercise Price of any outstanding Stock Option and strike price/base value of any outstanding Stock Appreciation Right; and (v) any vesting criteria (including Performance Goals) applicable to any outstanding Award under the relevant Award Agreement; provided, in each case, that no such adjustment authorized under this Section 3(c) shall be made to the extent that such adjustment would cause an Award to be subject to adverse tax consequences to the Participant under Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may provide that the number of shares of Stock with respect to any Award shall always be a whole number, and for the payment of fractional shares to be paid out in cash. Any adjustment or substitutions made under this Section 3(c) need not be the same for all Participants.
- (d) Limitations on Awards. No Eligible Person may be granted Awards under the Plan with respect to an aggregate of more than 1,500,000 shares of Stock (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3(c) hereof) during any calendar year. In addition, no Eligible Person may be granted Options and Stock Appreciation Rights with respect to an aggregate of more than 3,000,000 shares of Stock (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3(c) hereof) under the Plan. Any dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents that may be payable with respect to an

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Award will be disregarded for purposes of determining compliance with this Section 3(d). Subject to the preceding sentence, with respect to Performance-Based Awards that stipulate a target number of Units or shares and that may vest at, below or above such target, the maximum number of shares of Stock issuable under such Award shall be used for purposes of determining compliance with this Section 3(d).

# SECTION 4. Eligibility.

Officers and other key employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and of any of its Affiliates that are designated by the Committee as a participating employer under the Plan (but excluding members of the Committee and any other person who serves only as a director) who are responsible for or contribute to the management, growth or profitability of the business of the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates ("*Eligible Persons*") are eligible to be granted Awards under the Plan.

# SECTION 5. Terms and Conditions Applicable to all Awards.

- (a) Grant. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Awards may be awarded to Eligible Persons at any time and from time to time as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall determine the Eligible Persons to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of Awards will be made, the nature of each Award, the number of shares of Stock, Restricted Stock Units or other interests that are covered by or subject to such Award, the requirements for the vesting of such Award and any other restrictions applicable thereto, and the other terms and conditions of such Awards, in addition to those set forth in Section 5(b) and in the following Sections that apply to each specific type of Award. In the event of any inconsistency between this Section 5 and any of the following Sections that apply to a specific type of Award, the provisions of the Section applying to that specific type of Award will control.
- (b) Terms and Conditions. Awards made under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:
  - (i) The purchase price for the Award, if any, shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant.
  - (ii) Awards must be accepted by executing the related Award Agreement, delivering an executed copy of such Award Agreement to the Company and paying whatever price (if any) is required. An Eligible Person who receives an Award shall not have any rights with respect to such Award unless and until such Eligible Person has executed and delivered to the Company the applicable Award Agreement, in the form approved from time to time by the Committee, and has otherwise complied with the applicable terms and conditions of such Award Agreement. In the Company's discretion, the execution and delivery of such Award Agreement may be accomplished electronically or by other legally acceptable means.
  - (iii) An Eligible Person may be granted a Time-Based Award or a Performance-Based Award, or a combination thereof. The Committee may provide for the lapse of the restrictions and conditions to vesting in Award Installments, as set forth in the related Award Agreement. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant.
  - (iv) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Committee may reduce the amount of, or eliminate in full, the amount of Stock, Units or other interests that are subject to any Performance-Based Award at, or at any time prior to, the Committee's certification of the vesting of such Award. The Committee may treat individual Participants differently for these purposes. Any such determination by the Committee shall be final and binding on each Participant who is affected thereby.
  - (v) Performance-Based Awards will vest and all restrictions thereon will terminate upon the certification by the Committee of the achievement of the specified Performance Goals, provided all other conditions to vesting have been met. In the Committee's discretion, Performance-Based Awards may (A) stipulate that an Award will vest only in its entirety upon the satisfaction of the specified Performance Goals, (B) stipulate a portion of the Award that will vest either in whole or in part, depending on the level of

achievement in comparison to the specified Performance Goals, pursuant to a formula, calculation or other objective mechanism approved by the Committee at the time of the Award, or (C) stipulate a target number of shares of Stock or Units (the "Target") that may vest in part, in whole or up to a specified multiple of the Target, depending on the level of achievement in comparison to the specified Performance Goals pursuant to a formula, calculation or other objective mechanism approved by the Committee at the time of the Award. In the case of any Award authorized under clause (C) of the previous sentence, a number of shares of Stock equal to the maximum possible number of shares of Stock that may be delivered to the Participant under such Award will be reserved by the Company until such time as the applicable multiple of the Target has been determined by the Committee, even if the certification of achievement of results does not occur at that time due to additional Performance Goals that must be met prior to vesting, or if the actual exercise, vesting or delivery of Stock does not occur at that time due to any delay in delivery imposed for purposes of Section 409A. If, or to the extent that, Performance-Based Awards do not vest under the applicable Performance Goals on or before the Expiration Date established by the Committee for such Award, such Award will be forfeited automatically.

- (vi) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and the related Award Agreement, during the Restriction Period, the Participant who has received such Award shall not be permitted to sell, transfer, pledge, assign or otherwise encumber such Award or the Stock, Units or other interests which are subject to such Award, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.
- (vii) Any Participant who is then eligible to participate in The Progressive Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan or any other deferral plan hereafter adopted or maintained by the Company (in each case, a "Deferral Plan") may elect to defer each Award granted to him or her under this Plan, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the applicable Deferral Plan and in compliance with the requirements of Section 409A.

#### SECTION 6. Restricted Stock Units.

- (a) *Grant.* Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Restricted Stock Units may be awarded to Eligible Persons at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee.
- (b) Terms and Conditions. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 5, Restricted Stock Units awarded under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and any Award Agreement providing for the grant of Restricted Stock Units shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:
  - (i) No instruments or certificates evidencing such Units will be issued, but record thereof will be maintained by the Company or its designee.
  - (ii) The Participant shall not have the right to vote the shares of Stock represented by the Restricted Stock Units prior to the vesting of such Units and the delivery of any shares of Stock due in respect of such vesting event.
  - (iii) The Participant shall not have the right to receive any dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents, as applicable, in respect of the shares of Stock represented by the Restricted Stock Units prior to the delivery of such shares of Stock. At the discretion of the Committee determined at the time of the Award, subject to the provisions of Section 3(a) of the Plan, the Participant may be credited with Dividend Equivalents with respect to each dividend or other distribution for which a record date occurs during the Restriction Period and for the payment of such Dividend Equivalents in cash or the reinvestment of such Dividend Equivalents in additional Units. The Committee may provide that any dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents, whether payable in cash or shares of Stock, shall not be paid or distributed immediately, but shall remain subject to all the terms and conditions regarding vesting, restrictions and forfeiture that apply to the Restricted Stock Units to which such dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents relate.

(iv) Upon the satisfaction of all conditions to vesting of, and the lapse of the Restriction Period applicable to, all or part of an Award of Restricted Stock Units, as set forth in this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, (A) the Company shall deliver to the Participant one share of Stock in exchange for each such vested Restricted Stock Unit and any Restricted Stock Units relating to the reinvestment of related Dividend Equivalents, and (B) the applicable Restricted Stock Units shall be cancelled, and the shares of Stock so delivered shall not be subject to any further restrictions or limitations pursuant to this Plan. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee at any time prior to the applicable delivery date, each fractional Restricted Stock Unit shall vest and be settled in an equal fraction of a share of Stock.

#### SECTION 7. Restricted Stock.

- (a) *Grant.* Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Restricted Stock may be awarded to Eligible Persons at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee.
- (b) Terms and Conditions. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 5, Restricted Stock awarded under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and any Award Agreement providing for the grant of Restricted Stock shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:
  - (i) The purchase price for shares of Restricted Stock shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant and may be equal to their par value or zero.
  - (ii) Each Participant receiving a Restricted Stock Award shall be issued a stock certificate in respect of such shares of Restricted Stock. Such certificate shall be registered in the name of such Participant, and shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to such Award. The stock certificate evidencing such shares of Restricted Stock shall be held in custody by the Company, or its designee, until the conditions to the vesting of such Award have been satisfied and all other restrictions thereon shall have lapsed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the discretion of the Company, any shares of Restricted Stock awarded to any Eligible Person may be issued and held in book entry form. In such event, no stock certificates evidencing such shares will be issued and the applicable restrictions will be noted in the records of the Company's transfer agent and in the book entry system.
  - (iii) As a condition of any Restricted Stock Award, the Participant shall deliver to the Company a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the Stock covered by such Award, or make such other arrangements with respect thereto as the Committee may require.
  - (iv) Except as provided otherwise in the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement, the Participant shall have, with respect to the shares of Restricted Stock awarded, all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company, including the right to vote the Stock and the right to receive any dividends or other distributions (in the form of cash or Dividend Equivalents). The Committee may provide that any dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents, whether payable in cash or shares of Stock, shall not be paid or distributed immediately, but shall remain subject to all the terms and conditions regarding vesting, restrictions and forfeiture that apply to the shares of Restricted Stock to which such dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents relate.

# SECTION 8. Stock Options.

(a) Grant. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Stock Options may be granted to Eligible Persons at any time and from time to time, as shall be determined by the Committee. Stock Options granted under the Plan may be either of two types, which shall be indicated in the related Award Agreement: Incentive Stock Options or Non-Qualified Stock Options. Subject to Section 8(c) hereof, the Committee shall have the authority to grant to any Eligible Person Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options or a combination thereof.

- (b) Terms and Conditions. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 5, Stock Options granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and any Award Agreement providing for the grant of Stock Options shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:
  - (i) The Option Exercise Price per share of Stock purchasable under a Non-Qualified Stock Option shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant and shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the date of grant. The Option Exercise Price per share of Stock purchasable under an Incentive Stock Option shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant and shall be not less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock at the date of grant (or 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock at the date of grant in the case of an Eligible Person who at the date of grant owns shares possessing more than ten percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or its parent or subsidiary corporations (as determined under Section 424(d), (e) and (f) of the Code) (a "10% Participant")).
  - (ii) The Option Term shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant and may not exceed 10 years from the date the Option is granted (or, with respect to Incentive Stock Options, 5 years in the case of a 10% Participant).
  - (iii) Stock Options shall be exercisable at such time or times, in one or more installments, and subject to such terms and conditions (which may include, without limitation, the achievement of one or more Performance Goals) as shall be determined by the Committee at grant.
  - Subject to whatever installment exercise provisions apply with respect to such Stock Option, and any other conditions to vesting, Stock Options may be exercised in whole or in part, at any time during the Option Term, by giving to the Company or its designee written or other appropriate notice of exercise specifying the number of shares of Stock to be purchased. Such notice shall be accompanied by payment in full of the Option Exercise Price of the shares of Stock for which the Stock Option is exercised and Taxes due upon such exercise, in cash or by check or by such other instrument or arrangement as the Committee may approve at or after grant (which may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, include payment through the delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sales proceeds of shares of Stock otherwise deliverable upon such exercise of the Option as is necessary to pay the Option Exercise Price and Taxes due upon such exercise, or, to the extent approved by the Committee at or after grant, payment by the Participant's election to have shares of Stock withheld that have a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of tax to be withheld). Subject to the following two sentences, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, at or after grant, payment, in full or in part, of the Option Exercise Price of Incentive Stock Options and Non-Qualified Stock Options and Taxes may be made in the form of unrestricted Stock which is then owned by the Participant and which has a value equal to the Fair Market Value equal to such Option Exercise Price and Taxes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the specific details of any such delivery of Stock by a Section 16 Participant shall be approved in advance by the Committee.

No Stock shall be issued pursuant to an exercise of an Option until full payment of the Option Exercise Price and Taxes due on such exercise has been made therefor. A Participant shall not have rights to dividends, other distributions or Dividend Equivalents or any other rights of a shareholder with respect to any Stock subject to an Option unless and until the Participant has given written notice of exercise, has paid in full for such shares, has given, if requested, the representation described in Section 14(a) and such shares have been issued to the Participant.

- (v) All vested Stock Options shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant or, subject to Section 8(c) and the terms of the applicable Award Agreement, by the Participant's authorized legal representative if the Participant is unable to exercise an Option as a result of the Participant's Disability.
- (vi) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee (in an Award Agreement or otherwise) or as otherwise directed by the Participant in writing to the Company, each Option outstanding on the Automatic Exercise Date with an exercise price per share that is less than the Fair Market Value per share of Stock as of such date shall automatically and without further action by the Participant or the Company be exercised on

the Automatic Exercise Date. In the discretion of the Committee, payment of the Option Exercise Price and Taxes upon the automatic exercise of any such Option shall be made by having shares of Stock withheld as contemplated by Section 8(b)(iv). Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, this Section 8(b)(vi) shall not apply to an Option if the Participant of such Option incurs a Termination of Employment on or before the Automatic Exercise Date. For the avoidance of doubt, no Option with an exercise price per share that is equal to or greater than the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock on the Automatic Exercise Date shall be exercised pursuant to this Section 8(b)(vi).

(c) Incentive Stock Options. Notwithstanding Section 4, only employees of the Company or a Subsidiary shall be eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options. Notwithstanding Section 5(b)(vi), an Incentive Stock Option shall be exercisable by (i) a Participant's authorized legal representative (if the Participant is unable to exercise the Incentive Stock Option as a result of the Participant's Disability) only if, and to the extent, permitted by Section 422 of the Code and Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) by the Participant's estate, in the case of death, or authorized legal representative, in the case of Disability, no later than 10 years from the date the Incentive Stock Option was granted (or 5 years in the case of a 10% Participant) (in addition to any other restrictions or limitations which may apply). Anything in the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, no term or provision of the Plan relating to Incentive Stock Options shall be interpreted, amended or altered, nor shall any discretion or authority granted under the Plan be exercised, so as to disqualify the Plan under Section 422 of the Code, or, without the consent of the Participant(s) affected, to disqualify any Incentive Stock Option under such Section 422 or any successor Section thereto.

# SECTION 9. Stock Appreciation Rights.

(a) Grant. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted alone, in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan or cash awards made outside of the Plan. In the case of an Award of Stock Appreciation Rights relating to an Award of Non-Qualified Stock Options, such rights may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of the related Non-Qualified Stock Options. In the case of Incentive Stock Options, such rights may be granted in tandem with Incentive Stock Options only at the time of the grant of such Incentive Stock Options and exercised only when the Fair Market Value of the Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option exceeds its Option Exercise Price.

Stock Appreciation Rights issued in tandem with Stock Options ("Tandem SARs") shall terminate and no longer be exercisable upon the termination or exercise of the related Stock Option, subject to such provisions as the Committee may specify at grant if a Stock Appreciation Right is granted with respect to less than the full number of shares of Stock subject to the related Stock Option.

All vested Stock Appreciation Rights granted hereunder shall be exercised in accordance with the procedures established by the Committee for such purpose. Upon such exercise, the Participant shall be entitled to receive an amount determined in the manner prescribed in Section 9(b)(ii) and the applicable Award Agreement.

- (b) Terms and Conditions. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 5, Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and any Award Agreement providing for the grant of Stock Appreciation Rights shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:
  - (i) Tandem SARs shall be exercisable only at such time or times and to the extent that the Stock Options to which they relate shall be exercisable in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 and this Section 9, and Stock Appreciation Rights granted separately ("Freestanding SARs") shall be exercisable as the Committee shall determine.
  - (ii) Upon the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, a Participant shall be entitled to receive an amount in cash or shares of Stock, as determined by the Committee at the time of grant, equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock on the date of exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right over (A) the Option Exercise Price specified in the related Stock Option in the case of Tandem SARs, which price shall be fixed no later than the date of grant of the Tandem SARs, or (B) the price per share specified in the related Award Agreement in the case of Freestanding SARs, which price shall be fixed at the

date of grant and shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the date of grant, multiplied by the number of shares of Stock in respect of which the Stock Appreciation Right shall have been exercised. The Committee shall have the right to approve or refuse to approve any election by the Participant to receive cash, in whole or in part, upon exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right. When payment is to be made in Stock, the number of shares of Stock to be paid shall be calculated on the basis of the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the date of exercise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may unilaterally limit the appreciation in value of any Stock Appreciation Right at any time prior to exercise.

- (iii) Upon the exercise of a Tandem SAR, the related Stock Option must also be exercised at the same time.
- (iv) Stock Appreciation Rights shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the vested Participant or by the Participant's authorized legal representative if the Participant is unable to exercise a Stock Appreciation Right as a result of the Participant's Disability.
- (v) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee (in an Award Agreement or otherwise) or as otherwise directed by the Participant in writing to the Company, each Stock Appreciation Right outstanding on the Automatic Exercise Date with an exercise price per share that is less than the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock as of such date shall automatically and without further action by the Participant or the Company be exercised on the Automatic Exercise Date. In the discretion of the Committee, the Company or any Subsidiary shall deduct or withhold an amount sufficient to satisfy Taxes associated with such exercise from the amount contemplated in Section 9(b)(ii). Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, this Section 9(b)(v) shall not apply to a Stock Appreciation Right if the Participant incurs a Termination of Employment on or before the Automatic Exercise Date. For the avoidance of doubt, no Stock Appreciation Right with an exercise price per share that is equal to or greater than the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock on the Automatic Exercise Date shall be exercised pursuant to this Section 9(b)(v).

# SECTION 10. Termination of Employment; Disqualifying Activity.

- (a) Termination of Employment. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at or after the time of grant of an Award, upon a termination of a Participant's employment, all outstanding Awards held by such Participant, whether then vested or unvested, shall be terminated and forfeited automatically. Subject to Section 10(b), the Committee may provide for exceptions to this general rule with respect to any Award, including in the case of a Participant's death, Disability or Qualified Retirement.
- (b) Disqualifying Activity. If the Committee determines that the Participant has engaged or is engaging in any Disqualifying Activity, then:
  - (i) if the Vesting Date of any Award Installment under an Award then held by the Participant is scheduled to occur after the date of the Committee's determination that the Participant has engaged in a Disqualifying Activity (or with respect to vested Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, such Award Installment has not been exercised by the Participant), then each such Award Installment shall terminate immediately upon the date of the Committee's determination, and all related Awards (and rights to shares of Stock, Units, Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights or Dividend Equivalents thereunder) shall be forfeited automatically at that time; and
  - (ii) if the Vesting Date of any Award Installment occurred (or with respect to vested Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, such Award Installment was exercised by the Participant) after the Disqualification Date but prior to the date of the Committee's determination with respect thereto, such Award Installment shall be deemed to have automatically terminated and forfeited as of the Disqualification Date. Accordingly, promptly upon the Company's demand, the Participant shall transfer or pay to the Company all shares of Stock (or, if such Stock has been sold or otherwise transferred by the Participant, an equivalent number of shares of Stock or, at the Company's election, the value thereof as of the applicable Vesting Date or exercise date) or other proceeds received or deferred by the Participant in connection with such vesting (or exercise) event(s), and the Participant will be entitled to no consideration in connection therewith. If such shares of Stock or other proceeds are not transferred or paid to the Company promptly upon such demand, then the Company will have the right to recover from the Participant all such shares or other proceeds, plus the costs and expenses incurred by the Company in recovering such shares or other proceeds from the

Participant and enforcing its rights hereunder, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, plus interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum or, if lower, the highest rate permitted by law, calculated from the applicable Vesting Date (or exercise date).

Any determination by the Committee hereunder, which may act upon the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer or other senior officer of the Company, that the Participant has engaged or is engaging in any Disqualifying Activity, and as to the Disqualification Date, shall be final and conclusive.

# **SECTION 11. Change In Control Provisions.**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, and subject to Section 3(c), notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, upon a Change in Control, the following provisions shall apply with respect to all Awards outstanding immediately prior to a Change in Control:

- (a) Alternative Awards. No cancellation, acceleration of exercisability or vesting, lapse of any Restriction Period or settlement or other payment shall occur with respect to any outstanding Award upon a Change in Control if the Committee reasonably determines, in good faith, prior to the Change in Control, that such outstanding Awards shall be honored or assumed, or new rights substituted therefor (such honored, assumed, or substituted Award being hereinafter referred to as an "Alternative Award") by the Company or the New Company, as applicable, provided that any Alternative Award must:
  - (i) provide for rights, terms and conditions that are substantially identical to, and not less favorable than, the rights, terms and conditions applicable under the Award being substituted for the Alternative Award, including, but not limited to, an identical or better exercise or vesting schedule;
  - (ii) have substantially equivalent economic value to such Award (determined at the time of the Change in Control by the Committee in its good faith, sole discretion);
  - (iii) have terms and conditions which provide that if the Participant's employment or service is involuntarily terminated without Cause by the Company or the New Company, as applicable, or constructively terminated for Good Reason by the Participant, any conditions on a Participant's rights under, or any restrictions on transfer or exercisability applicable to, each such Alternative Award shall be waived or shall lapse, as the case may be, consistent with the provisions of Section 11(c) below; and
    - (iv) not subject the Participant to the assessment of taxes or penalties under Section 409A.

Subject to clause (iv) above, with respect to any Alternative Award for a Performance-Based Award, the Committee will have the discretion to provide in the Alternative Award (x) for the same Performance Goals as in the original Award Agreement, (y) for different Performance Goals than are in the original Award Agreement, or (z) that the Performance Goals in the original Award Agreement shall be considered to be achieved and to determine at what level they shall be deemed to have been achieved (for example, at Target or at a multiple of Target based on the level of achievement through the date of the Change in Control) with the Award being converted into a Time-Based Award that will vest at the end of the performance period stated in the original Award Agreement. The determination whether the conditions of this Section 11(a) are satisfied shall be made by the Committee, as constituted immediately before the Change in Control, in its sole discretion.

(b) Accelerated Vesting and Payout. In the event Section 11(a) does not apply, upon a Change in Control: (i) all outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall become vested and exercisable immediately prior to the Change in Control; (ii) all outstanding unvested Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards shall become vested immediately prior to the Change in Control; and (iii) the Committee (as constituted prior to the Change in Control) shall provide that in connection with the Change in Control (A) each Option and Stock Appreciation Right shall be cancelled in exchange for an amount (payable in accordance with the following sentence) equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of the Change in Control over the Option Exercise Price for such Option or the base value/strike price applicable to such Stock Appreciation Right and (B) each Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Award shall be cancelled in exchange for an amount (payable in accordance with the following sentence) equal to the Change in Control Price multiplied by the number of shares of Stock covered by such Award, with any Performance-Based Awards deemed to have been earned in full at the higher

of Target or a multiple of Target (determined by reference to the Award Agreement) based on the level of achievement through the date of the Change in Control, if such level of achievement is determinable by the Committee at the time of the Change in Control. Payment of any amounts calculated in accordance with this Section 11(b) shall be made in cash or, if determined by the Committee (as constituted prior to the Change in Control), in shares of the stock of the New Company having an aggregate fair market value (determined by such Committee in good faith) equal to such amount or in a combination of such shares of stock and cash. All amounts payable hereunder shall be payable in full, as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than 10 business days, following the Change in Control. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section 11 to the contrary, payment of any Award Installment subject to and not exempt from Section 409A will not be accelerated upon a Change in Control unless (i) the Change in Control constitutes a change in the ownership of the Company, a change in effective control of the Company, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets, each, as applicable, as defined in, and determined in accordance with, Section 409A, or (ii) such accelerated payment does not otherwise cause any Award to be subject to adverse tax consequences to any person under Section 409A.

- (c) Termination Following Change in Control. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) above, if on the date of or during the 24-month period following a Change in Control, either (i) the Company or the New Company, as applicable, terminates the Participant's employment other than for Cause, or (ii) the Participant terminates his or her employment for Good Reason (as stated in a written notice to the Company or the New Company, as applicable, which must be provided within 30 days after the occurrence of the event(s) giving rise to such Good Reason, and must set forth such Good Reason in reasonable detail and the expected date of termination, which shall be not more than 30 days after the date of such notice), and the Company or the New Company, as applicable, fails to cure the event(s) giving rise to the claim of Good Reason within such 30-day period, then upon the occurrence of such termination, (A) all outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights held by such Participant shall become vested and exercisable immediately upon such termination and (B) all outstanding unvested Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards shall become vested immediately upon such termination. For purposes of this Section 11(c), with respect to any Performance-Based Awards, such Awards shall be considered to be earned in full at the higher of Target (if applicable) or a multiple of Target (determined by reference to the Award Agreement) based on the level of achievement as of the date of the termination, if such level of achievement is determinable at the time of the termination.
- (d) Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Section 11, in connection with the payment to a Participant of any Award Installment subject to Section 409A, solely to the extent that any Award Installment has been deferred pursuant to the terms of the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan as currently in effect or as hereinafter amended (or any successor or similar deferral plan), Sections 11(a), (b) and (c) hereof shall have no effect on the payment date(s) or form(s) of payment of such Award Installment pursuant to such deferred compensation plan (and any elections made by such Participant pursuant to such plan).

#### **SECTION 12. Amendments and Termination.**

- (a) The Board or the Committee (if permitted by applicable law), at any time, may amend, supplement, alter or discontinue the Plan, but, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan (including Sections 3 and 11), no such amendment, supplement, alteration or discontinuation shall be made which would impair the rights of a Participant under an Award theretofore granted, without the Participant's consent. The Company shall submit to the shareholders of the Company for their approval any amendments to the Plan which are required to be approved by shareholders by the rules and regulations of any governmental authority or any stock exchange upon which the Stock is then traded.
- (b) Subject to changes in law or other legal requirements that would permit otherwise, the Plan may not be amended without the approval of the shareholders, to (i) increase the total number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan or to any Participant during any calendar year (except for adjustments pursuant to Section 3(c)), (ii) permit the granting of Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price lower than those specified in Section 8(b)(i) and 9(b)(ii) (except for adjustments pursuant to Section 11(a), if applicable), (iii) modify the Plan's eligibility requirements, or (iv) increase the total number of shares of Stock that may be the subject of Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights granted to any Eligible Person under Section 3(d) (except for adjustments pursuant to Section 3(c)).

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- (c) Subject to Sections 3(c), 11 and 12(d), as applicable, the Committee, at any time, may amend the terms of any outstanding Award, but, except as otherwise expressly provided by the Plan, no such amendment shall be made which would: (i) impair the rights of a Participant under an Award theretofore granted, without the Participant's consent; or (ii) make the applicable exemptions provided by Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act unavailable to any Section 16 Participant with respect to an Award heretofore granted without the Participant's consent; provided, however, that in no event shall any such amendment be made with respect to any Award which is subject to the restrictions on deferred compensation under Section 409A, if such amendment would cause such Award to be subject to adverse tax consequences to the Participant under Section 409A.
- (d) Except for adjustments pursuant to Section 3(c), in no event may any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan be amended to decrease the Option Exercise Price or strike price/base value thereof, as the case may be, or be cancelled (i) in exchange for a cash payment exceeding the excess (if any) of the Fair Market Value of shares covered by such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right over the corresponding exercise price or strike price/base value for such Award or (ii) in conjunction with the grant of any new Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right or other Award with a lower Option Exercise Price or strike price/base value, as the case may be, or otherwise be subject to any action that would be treated under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (or such other exchange upon which the Stock may be listed at that time) as a "repricing" of such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right, unless such amendment, cancellation or action is approved by the Company's shareholders.
- (e) Subject to the above provisions, the Board and the Committee shall have all necessary authority to amend the Plan and Award Agreements to take into account changes in applicable securities and tax laws and accounting rules, as well as other developments.

#### SECTION 13. Unfunded Status of Plan.

The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company.

# **SECTION 14. General Provisions.**

(a) The Committee may require each Participant acquiring Stock pursuant to an Award under the Plan to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that the Participant is acquiring the Stock without a view to distribution thereof. Any certificates for such shares may include any legend that the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer.

All shares of Stock or other securities issued under the Plan shall be subject to such stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which the Stock is then listed, and any applicable federal or state securities laws (including the Company's Insider Trading Policy, if applicable), and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be placed on any certificates for such shares to make appropriate reference to such restrictions or to cause such restrictions to be noted in the records of the Company's stock transfer agent and any applicable book entry system.

- (b) Nothing contained in this Plan shall prevent the Board or the Committee from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to shareholder approval if such approval is required; and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.
- (c) Neither the adoption of the Plan, nor its operation, nor any document describing, implementing or referring to the Plan, or any part thereof, shall confer upon any Participant under the Plan any right to continue in the employ, or as a director, of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, or shall in any way affect the right and power of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to terminate the employment, or service as a director, or change the job title, duties, authority, position or compensation of any Participant in the Plan at any time with or without assigning a reason therefor, to the same extent as the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate might have done if the Plan had not been adopted.

- (d) For purposes of this Plan, a transfer of the employment of a Participant between the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or between such Subsidiaries or Affiliates, shall not be deemed a termination of employment or adversely affect or enlarge the rights of any Participant under this Plan or with respect to any Award.
- (e) No later than the date as of which an amount relating to any Award under the Plan first becomes taxable, the Participant shall pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Committee regarding the payment of, at least the minimum Taxes and other items of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such amount. Subject to the following sentence and such rules and procedures as the Committee may determine from time to time, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, minimum Taxes may be settled with Stock, including, without limitation, unrestricted Stock previously owned by the Participant or that would otherwise be delivered to or purchased by the Participant in connection with the Award that gives rise to the withholding requirement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any election by a Section 16 Participant to settle such tax withholding obligation with Stock that is previously owned by the Participant shall be subject to prior approval by the Committee. The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be conditioned on such payment or arrangements and the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates to the extent permitted by law shall have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the Participant.
- (f) The Plan, all Awards made and all actions taken thereunder and any agreements relating thereto, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio applicable to contracts made and performed wholly within such state by residents thereof.
- (g) In the event any Award is transferred or assigned pursuant to a court order, such transfer or assignment shall be without liability to the Company and the Company shall have the right to offset against such Award any expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by the Company in connection with such transfer or assignment.
- (h) Any Award that qualifies as incentive-based compensation as that term is defined in Section 303A.14(e) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual is subject to the Company's Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy adopted in accordance with the requirements of Section 303A.14 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. In addition, the following provisions shall apply to Awards, as applicable, in addition to any similar provisions required to apply to Awards under applicable law and the rules of any national securities exchange on which shares of Stock are traded:
  - If (A) a Performance-Based Award granted to any executive officer shall vest hereunder on the basis of the achievement of certain financial or operating results as specified by the Committee (which includes, for purposes hereof, all of the Performance Goals that are available to the Committee under this Plan), (B) those financial or operating results were incorrect and were subsequently the subject of a restatement by the Company within 3 years after the date of vesting, and (C) the vesting event would not have occurred as to some or all of such shares if the actual financial or operating results had been known as of the date of vesting, then the Company shall have the right of recoupment from the executive officer who received such shares of Stock upon or after such vesting or who elected to defer such shares at vesting. The Company will have this right of recoupment whether or not the executive officer in question was at fault or responsible in any way in causing such restatement. In such circumstances, the Company will have the right to adjust and amend the terms of all outstanding Stock Options as may be appropriate, and to recover from each executive officer, and each such executive officer will refund to the Company promptly on demand, at the Company's discretion, either (x) the number of shares of Stock that vested (or that were subject to Stock Options that vested and were thereafter exercised), were delivered or were deferred (as applicable) upon or after such vesting based on the incorrect operating or financial results, (y) the dollar equivalent of such number of Shares as of the date of such vesting, without interest, or (z) the value that was paid to or earned by the executive officer, as applicable, at or after the time of vesting or upon the exercise of rights pursuant to any such vested Award, without interest. Such recovery, at the Committee's discretion, may be made by lump sum payment, installment payments, credits against unvested Awards made hereunder, credits against future bonus or other incentive payments or awards, or other appropriate mechanism.
  - (ii) If any recipient of an Award engaged in fraud or other misconduct (as determined by the Committee or the Board) resulting, in whole or in part, in a restatement of the financial or operating results used to determine the vesting of a Performance-Based Award hereunder, the Company will have the right to recoup from such individual, and such individual will transfer or pay to the Company promptly upon demand,

in the Company's discretion, either (A) the number of shares of Stock that vested (or that were subject to Stock Options that vested and were thereafter exercised), were delivered or were deferred (as applicable) upon or after such vesting based on the incorrect operating or financial results, (B) the dollar equivalent of such number of shares determined as of the date of such vesting, or (C) the value that was paid to or earned by such individual, as applicable, at or after the time of vesting or upon the exercise of rights pursuant to any such vested Award, and in the case of (B) and (C) plus interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum or, if lower, the highest rate permitted by law, calculated from such Vesting Date. The Company further shall have the right to terminate and cancel any and all Awards previously made to such individual at any time hereunder that are then unvested or, if applicable, that have vested but have not then been exercised, and to recover from such individual the Company's costs and expenses incurred in connection with recovering such Shares or funds from such individual and enforcing its rights under this subsection (ii), including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs. There shall be no time limit on the Company's right to recover such amounts under this subsection (ii), except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

- (iii) The rights contained in this subsection (h) shall be in addition to, and shall not limit, any other rights or remedies that the Company may have under this Plan or under any applicable law or regulation.
- The Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A or an exemption or exclusion therefrom and, with respect to Awards and amounts that are subject to Section 409A, it is intended that the Plan be administered in all respects in accordance with Section 409A. Accordingly, any action taken under the Plan, including any acceleration or conversion under Section 11, shall be made in compliance with Section 409A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall contain any feature for the deferral of compensation. Each payment under any Award that constitutes non-qualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A shall be treated as a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment to be made under any Award that constitutes non-qualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, in the event that a Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company), amounts that constitute "non-qualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A that would otherwise be payable during the 6 month period immediately following a Participant's termination of employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates by reason of such termination shall instead be paid or provided on the first business day of the 7th month following the month in which the Participant's termination occurs. If the Participant dies following any termination of employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates and prior to the payment of any amounts delayed on account of Section 409A, such amounts shall be paid to the personal representative of the Participant's estate within 30 days following the date of the Participant's death (with the first date following the date of the Participant's death being the first day of such 30-day period). Interest shall not accrue on such amounts during the period of delay. All references in this Plan and any Award Agreement to a Participant's "termination", "termination of employment", "termination of service" and any other similar terminology, shall be interpreted as requiring that a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A has occurred upon any such referenced event.
- (j) The Company shall have the unrestricted right to set off against or recover out of any delivery of shares of Stock (through withholding or cash delivered) to any Participant under an Award Agreement any amounts owed by such Participant to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

# SECTION 15. Shareholder Approval; Effective Date of Plan.

The Plan was adopted by the Board on March 1, 2024 and is subject to approval by the holders of the Company's outstanding Stock. The Plan will become effective on the date of such shareholder approval (the "Plan Effective Date").

# SECTION 16. Term of Plan.

No Award shall be granted pursuant to the Plan on or after January 31, 2034, but Awards granted prior to such date may extend beyond that date, subject to the terms hereof and the applicable Award Agreement.