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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement State Auto Financial CORP [STFC] A Buss Jessica Elizabeth (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 518 EAST BROAD STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person COLUMBUS, Â OHÂ 43215 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Shares without par value Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security Direct	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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Shares (I)
(Instr. 5)

Common

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ 03/03/2012 03/02/2021 Common Shares 12,850 \$ 17.03 D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Buss Jessica Elizabeth

518 EAST BROAD STREET Â Â Â Vice President Â

COLUMBUS, OHÂ 43215

Signatures

/s/ Jessica E. Buss by James
A. Yano, attorney in fact, 03/07/2011
per POA attached

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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