

## Media Release

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### **SIIA Welcomes Nomination of David J. Kappos as Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the PTO**

WASHINGTON, DC (June 18, 2009) – The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) made the following statement in support of the nomination of David J. Kappos as Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

"SIIA welcomes President Obama's nomination of David J. Kappos as Undersecretary of Commerce, a position critical to our nation's competitiveness and economic strength," said Ken Wasch, SIIA's President.

"The PTO faces enormous challenges – ranging from maintaining experienced staff to ensuring good quality patents – which demand effectiveness leadership," said Mark Bohannon, SIIA's General Counsel & SVP of Public Policy. "We urge the Senate to move quickly to confirm Mr. Kappos, whose skills and experience are needed in these challenging economic times."

### **About SIIA**

The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to 500 leading software and information companies. For further information, visit [www.siaa.net](http://www.siaa.net).

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