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## **SIIA Commends House of Representatives for Moving Forward on Patent Reform**

Washington, D.C. (March 30, 2011) – The Software and Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital content industries, applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for its progress on the key issue of patent reform, including its introduction today of H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act.

“Modernizing the U.S. patent system is critical to ensuring that U.S. businesses continue to lead the world in innovation, create jobs here at home, and grow our economy,” stated Ken Wasch, SIIA President.

While SIIA is concerned that the bill’s inter partes and supplemental reexamination provisions do not yet meet the needs of America’s technology leaders, SIIA does continue to strongly support other aspects of the bill and looks forward to improving it as it moves through the House.

"SIIA has long supported patent reform in order to improve patent quality," stated Scott Bain, SIIA's Chief Litigation Counsel. "H.R. 1249 contains critical improvements to the patent system that have broad, cross-industry support, including an end to patent fee diversion."

### **About SIIA**

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