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SIIA Applauds Chairman Leahy for Leading Effort to Reform ECPA, Remove Unnecessary Hurdle to Cloud Computing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 17, 2011) – Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) president Ken Wasch issued the following statement regarding Sen. Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy’s (D-VT) introduction of legislation to update the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA).

“SIIA applauds Sen. Leahy’s Leadership on this very important issue. Given the rise of networked computing, including but not limited to “cloud computing,” the legal framework provided by ECPA leaves both providers and users of remote computing with a complex and baffling set of rules that are both difficult to explain and apply.

“SIIA supports the reform of ECPA in order to address the tremendous technological advances in communications and computing technology that the world has witnessed since 1986 when the statute was passed. The legislation proposed today by Sen. Leahy is a big step toward making sure that the information Americans store virtually in the cloud receives the same level of protection as the information stored in their homes.”

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