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SIIA Supports Enactment of the America Invents Act

Washington, D.C. (June 23, 2011) – The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) today applauded passage of H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act. SIIA, the principle trade association for the software and digital content industry, supports enactment of the legislation, which will help ensure that American technology companies can continue to innovate and create jobs. Scott Bain, SIIA Chief Litigation Counsel, issued the following statement:

"While this bill reflects a number of compromises, overall it will strengthen the U.S. patent system, promote better quality patents, and be a boon to the U.S. economy. The legislation will help America's tech companies do what they do best – create new and innovative products and services that help drive our economy and create jobs.

"In particular, SIIA strongly supports the House leadership's commitment that the bill will effectively end patent fee diversion. It is critical that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will have access to the user fees it collects in order to effectively perform its functions."

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 more than 500 leading software and information companies. For further information, visit www.siiia.net.

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