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**SIIA Urges Support for Leahy ECPA Reform to  
Create Level Playing Field for Cloud Computing**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 28, 2012)** – Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) president Ken Wasch issued the following statement in support of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy's (D-VT) substitute Manager's Amendment to H.R. 2471, which would update the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. Sen. Leahy's amendment will be considered by the Judiciary Committee on Thursday.

"The legal framework provided by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) leaves both providers and users of remote computing with a complex and baffling set of rules. These rules are both difficult to explain and to apply in this age of networked and cloud computing.

"SIIA supports Chairman Leahy's proposed ECPA reform in order to address the tremendous technological advances in communications and computing technology since 1986, when the statute was passed. The legislation proposed by Sen. Leahy would create a warrant requirement for law enforcement access to remotely stored electronic content. This legislation presents a big step toward making sure that the information Americans store in the cloud receives the same level of protection as the information stored in their homes.

"SIIA commends Sen. Leahy's Leadership on this very important issue, and we urge members of the Judiciary Committee to support the substitute manager's amendment while opposing any amendments that would weaken the warrant requirement."

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