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SIIA Applauds Committee Passage of Protect IP Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 26, 2011) –The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital content industries, today applauded the advancement of the PROTECT IP Act. The legislation, which was recently introduced by Senator Leahy (D-VT), was passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee today.

"The PROTECT IP act can play a vital role in disrupting the efforts of criminals who use the Internet to sell and distribute illegal software," said Keith Kupferschmid, General Counsel and Senior Vice President for Intellectual Property at SIIA. "The bill will provide the government and rights holders with improved tools for stopping those who use the Internet to profit from piracy and counterfeiting of software. SIIA applauds the Judiciary Committee's work to move the bipartisan bill forward, and we look forward to continuing to work with members of Congress to improve and advance the legislation."

SIIA runs the industry's most aggressive program to fight software and content piracy. The proactive campaign is premised on the notion that one must balance enforcement with education in order to be effective.

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.siia.net.

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