



## **SIIA Statement on Proposed Changes to Copyright Law 17 U.S. Code § 105**

**Technology speaks out to protect business and consumers**

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (March 29, 2021) – SIIA, the principal association for the software, information and digital content industries issued the following statement in response to proposed changes to 17 U.S. Code § 105.

SIIA President and CEO, Jeff Joseph statement:

“For over a hundred years, the copyright law has prohibited the federal government from claiming copyright in the works of its employees, on the basis that taxpayers shouldn’t have to pay twice to create the same product. The Securing American Leadership in Science and Technology Act (SALSTA) is based on out-of-date assumptions and allows the federal government to claim copyright in computer software that taxpayers paid to create. We oppose this legislation.”

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