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## SIIA Applauds Legislation to Combat Sexual Exploitation, Urges Committee to Move Forward

Washington, D.C. (December 11, 2017) – The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal association for the software and digital content industries, today applauded legislation to combat sexual exploitation. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) introduced a manager's amendment of the *Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act* (FOSTA, HR 1865), for consideration by the Committee on Tuesday.

SIIA Senior Vice President for Public Policy, Mark MacCarthy, issued the following statement:

"SIIA applauds Chairman Goodlatte and Representative Wagner for their collaboration in crafting this legislation to combat sexual exploitation. We remain committed to working with Congress to enable full prosecution of sex trafficking, while protecting internet platforms who are good actors. We urge the Committee to move forward with this legislation, and we look forward to working with Chairman Goodlatte, Representative Wagner and other members of Congress to enact the necessary reforms to address this critical problem."

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