



**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
AND
AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
WELCOME PROPOSED SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROL REFORM AMENDMENT**

Washington, D.C., May 25, 2011 – SIA and AIA welcome a proposed amendment to H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, that would authorize the President to remove satellites and related components from the U.S. Munitions List, subject to certain restrictions and Congressional oversight.

More than a decade ago, Congress passed legislation that required all commercial satellites, satellite components, associated technical data, and related ground equipment to be treated as "munitions" for export licensing purposes. SIA and AIA have long encouraged Congress to adopt legislation that would allow the Executive Branch to determine the appropriate export licensing policy for commercial satellites and related items, just as it does for all other technologies that are subject to US export licensing.

SIA and AIA appreciate the efforts of Congress to address this important issue. If passed, this amendment would enhance U.S. national security and support American jobs and competitiveness. SIA and AIA strongly support the passage of this amendment.

ABOUT SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION:

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, remote sensing operators, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation fifteen years ago, SIA has become the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business.

SIA Executive Members include: Artel, Inc.; The Boeing Company; The DIRECTV Group;; DBSD North America, Inc.; EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C.; Harris CapRock Communications; Hughes Network Systems, LLC; Integral Systems, Inc.; Intelsat, Ltd.; Iridium Communications Inc.; Lockheed Martin Corporation; LightSquared; Loral Space & Communications, Inc.; Northrop Grumman Corporation; Rockwell Collins Government Systems; SES WORLD SKIES; and TerreStar Networks, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: Arqiva Satellite and Media; ATK Inc.; Cisco; Cobham SATCOM Land Systems; Comtech EF Data Corp.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat, Inc.; GE Satellite; Globecomm Systems, Inc.; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Marshall Communications Corporation.; Orbital Sciences Corporation; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Segovia, Inc.; Spacecom, Ltd.; Spacenet Inc.; Stratos Global Corporation; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; Trace Systems, Inc.; and ViaSat, Inc. Additional information about SIA can be found at <http://www.sia.org>.

ABOUT AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION:

Founded in 1919 shortly after the birth of flight, the Aerospace Industries Association is the most authoritative and influential trade association representing the nation's leading manufacturers and suppliers of civil, military and business aircraft, helicopters, unmanned aircraft systems, space systems, aircraft engines, homeland and cybersecurity systems, materiel and related components, equipment services and information technology.

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