



Mary Kate Cunningham, CAE serves as Vice President of Public Policy at the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). In this role, she oversees ASAE's federal, state and local advocacy efforts on behalf of 48,000 trade association, professional society and industry partner members.

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Prior to this role, Cunningham worked for the House Armed Services Committee in the Communications Office and the Seapower Subcommittee. She currently serves as a member of the Truman National Security Project and the American Ireland Fund Young Leaders Society. She is also a member of the Tax Coalition and served as the co-chair of the Issues Forum.

In 2019 she was named a Leading Association Lobbyist by Association Trends. In 2013 she received the "Up and Coming Practitioner" award from the Professional Women in Advocacy Conference. From 2014-2016 she served as the Director of Communications for No Exceptions, an initiative of the Truman Project and Center for National Policy, a non-partisan nationwide coalition of post-9/11 generation military veterans and national security leaders who support a military-wide policy of full combat inclusion. In 2016 the Department of Defense announced there would be "no exceptions" to full combat inclusion.

Cunningham earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation from ASAE in July of 2017. Originally from Arizona, Cunningham graduated with a Master's degree in Strategic Security Studies from the National Defense University. She received her bachelor's degree from The Catholic University of America where she studied Political Science. She lives in DC with her husband, and in her free time enjoys watching CNBC and cooking with her Cookbook Book Club.