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Maria recently joined the Policy & Advocacy group at New Classrooms whose mission is to create and inspire better ways to give every student an educational foundation for lifelong success. In her prior role at the American Society of Civil Engineers, Maria's day-to-day responsibilities included working with Region, Section and Branch leaders to advance the Society's public policy priorities at the State Capitol and on Capitol Hill. She nurtured ASCE's Key Contact and Advocacy Captains Programs as well as overseeing the Society's Government Relations University program which provides training to grassroots and grassroots advocates. Prior to joining ASCE in 2014, Maria worked for Professional Photographers of America as the Manager of Copyright and

Government Affairs where she lobbied Congress on intellectual property and small business matters at the federal level, and right of privacy laws and permitting at the state level. She obtained her B.A. in International Studies from American University in 2004 where she also minored in Spanish Language. A proud mom of two, when not in the office, Maria enjoys getting messy in the kitchen with the kids.