



March 18, 2013

Dear Senator,

ASAE and the attached list of associations respectfully urge you to support the ability of federal employees to attend private sector educational meetings and events, especially those that are related to their agency. In particular, we ask you to reject Senate Amendment 67 to the Continuing Resolution, HR 933, which would arbitrarily restrict the number of government employees who can attend any meeting or conference to 25.

The American Society of Association Executives (“ASAE”) is a section 501(c)(6) individual membership organization of more than 22,000 association executives and industry partners representing nearly 12,000 tax-exempt organizations. Its members manage leading trade associations, professional societies, and voluntary organizations across the United States and in 50 countries around the globe. We advocate for associations so that they may continue to fulfill their important missions and improve the quality of life in the United States and abroad.

ASAE and the association community fully support the intent of Congress to induce greater transparency and accountability in government spending. There is no defense for exorbitant or wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars. However, while the amendment is intended to limit spending on government-sponsored conferences and travel expenses for federal employees, the net result would be fewer opportunities to learn and exchange information with the private sector.

The dialogue that takes place at these meetings between government and the private sector is essential to the development of informed policymaking that facilitates economic growth and job creation. The dangers of government operating in a vacuum are too great to ignore.

However well-intentioned, the amendment has broad implications for associations and other non-governmental organizations that invite government employees to give presentations or attend their conferences. The amendment would severely diminish government attendance at educational conferences and hinder the necessary interchange between government and the private sector.

For these reasons, we urge you to support the ability of federal employees to attend private sector educational meetings and events, especially those that are impacted by their agency. In particular, we ask you to reject Senate Amendment 67 to the Continuing Resolution, HR 933.

Sincerely,

ASAE: The Center for Association
Leadership

Alabama

Alabama Society of CPAs
Montgomery

Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools
Montgomery

Arizona

Arizona-New Mexico Cable
Communications Association
Phoenix

Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
Nogales

WolrdatWork
Scottsdale

Arkansas

Arkansas Home Builders Association
Little Rock

California

California Society of Anesthesiologists
San Mateo

California Urological Association, Inc.
Santa Ana

CASS – AN International Separation
Science Society
Emeryville

Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach & Marina
Hotel
Redondo Beach

Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
San Francisco

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
Santa Monica

Institute at the Golden Gate
Sausalito

National Association of Forest Service
Retirees
Lincoln

Prestige Accommodations Int'l, Inc.
Santa Ana

Sonoma County Tourism
Santa Rosa

Specialty Equipment Market Association
(SEMA)
Diamond Bar

Colorado

Association of Christian Schools
International
Colorado Springs

Geological Society of America
Boulder

Independent Bankers of Colorado
Denver

Keystone Symposia
Silverthorne

National Environmental Health Association
Denver

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy and
Exploration
Englewood

Society of Economic Geologists
Littleton

Space Foundation
Colorado Springs

U.S. Meat Export Federation
Denver

The Westin Snowmass Resort & Conference Center

Connecticut

Eagle Eye Expositions, LLC
Norwalk

Fairfield County Medical Association
Shelton

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.
Newtown

Delaware

Produce Marketing Association
Newark

District of Columbia

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association for Clinical Chemistry

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Exporters and Importers

American Chemical Society

American Cleaning Institute

American Coatings Association

American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology

American Dental Association

American Financial Services Association

American Geophysical Union

American Hotel & Lodging Association

American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works

American Institute of Architects

American Nursery & Landscape Association

American Pharmacists Association

American Public Health Association

American Road & Transportation Builders Association

American Society for Engineering Education

American Society for Microbiology

American Society of Hematology

ASHRAE, a leading global buildings technologies society

ASME

Associated General Contractors of America

Association of Community College Trustees

Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU)

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International

Consumer Bankers Association

Consumer Healthcare Products Association

Council for Responsible Nutrition

Educational Finance Council

Equipment Leasing and Finance Association

Giuffrida Associates

Independent Community Bankers of America

Institute of Transportation Engineers

International Association of Airport Duty Free Stores

International Franchise Association

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

NAPSEC

National Association for Business Economics

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)

National Association of Broadcasters

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors

National Business Aviation Association

National Family Planning & Reproductive Association

National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association

National Health Council

National Indian Health Board

National Leased Housing Association

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

National Restaurant Association

National Retail Federation

The Optical Society

Small Business Legislative Council

Society for Neuroscience

TechAmerica

United States Green Building Council

University Professional & Continuing Education Association

U.S. Travel Association

Florida

The Institute of Internal Auditors
Altamonte Spring

Laser Institute of America
Orlando

Miami Association of Realtors
Miami

National Property Management Association
Oldsmar

Text and Academic Authors Association
Tallahassee

Georgia

Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
Johns Creek

American College of Rheumatology
Atlanta

Association Innovations
Atlanta

Association Services Group, LLC
LaGrange

Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau
Atlanta

Benchmark360
Atlanta

Direct Gardening Association, Inc.
LaGrange

Eastern Cantaloupe Growers Association,
Inc.
LaGrange

Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers
Association, Inc.
LaGrange

Georgia Society of Association Executives
Atlanta

Georgia Watermelon Association, Inc.
LaGrange

National Poultry & Food Distributors
Association
St. Marys

Safe States Alliance
Atlanta

Synthetic Turf Council
Atlanta

United State and Canadian Academy of
Pathology
Augusta

Hawaii
Building Industry Association of Hawaii
Honolulu

Illinois
Academy for Eating Disorders
Deerfield

American Academy of Dermatology
Association
Schaumburg

American Association for Public Opinion
Outreach
Deerfield

American College of Healthcare Executives
Chicago

American Health Information Management
Association
Chicago

American Library Association
Chicago

American Pediatric Surgical Association
Deerfield

American Physician Scientists Association
Deerfield

American Society for Dermatopathology
Deerfield

American Society of Tropical Medicine and
Hygiene
Deerfield

American Veterinary Medical Association
Schaumburg

AOCS
Urbana

Associated Equipment Distributors
Oak Brook

Association for Death Education and
Counseling
Deerfield

Association for University Technology
Managers
Deerfield

Association Forum of Chicagoland
Chicago

Association of Specialized and Professional
Accreditors
Chicago

bXb Online
Chicago

CCIM Institute
Chicago

Cook-Witter, Inc.
Springfield, IL

Digital Ignite
Lombard, IL

HIMSS
Chicago

Hosted Payload Alliance
Deerfield

Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Lisle

Illinois Council of Health-System
Pharmacists
Loves Park

Illinois CPA Society
Chicago

Illinois Society of Association Executives
Springfield

Institute of Food Technologists
Chicago

Institute of Nuclear Materials Management
Deerfield

Institute of Real Estate Management
Chicago

International Association of Interviewers
Downers Grove

International Society for Traumatic Stress
Studies
Deerfield

Metals Service Center Institute
Rolling Meadows

National Association of Sporting Goods
Wholesalers
Naperville

National Association of the Remodeling
Industry
Des Plaines

National Automatic Merchandising
Association (NAMA)
Chicago

Plumbing Manufacturers International
Rolling Meadows

Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Chicago

Product Development and Management
Association
Chicago

Rotary International
Evanston

The Sherwood Group
Deerfield

Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
Deerfield

Society for Gastroenterology Nurses and
Associates (SGNA)
Chicago

The Society for Simulation in Healthcare
Wheaton

Society for Vascular Medicine
Deerfield

Starwood Hotels & Resorts
Chicago

United States Cutaneous Lymphoma
Consortium
Deerfield

Indiana
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association
Indianapolis

Iowa
International Association for Food
Protection
Des Moines

Kansas
AMP Management Services, a division of
Applied Measurement Professionals Inc.
Olathe

Golf Course Superintendents Association of
America
Lawrence

Kentucky
Kentucky Society of CPAs
Louisville

National Association of State Boating Law
Administrators
Lexington

Louisiana
New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau
New Orleans

Rural Rental Housing Association of
Louisiana, Inc.
Metairie

Maine
Maine Association of Broadcasters
Augusta

Maryland
Airborne Law Enforcement Association
Frederick

American Association of Physics Teachers
College Park

American Medical Writers Association
Rockville

American Nurses Association
Silver Spring

American Occupational Therapy
Association
Bethesda

American Physical Society
College Park

The American Society for Cell Biology
Bethesda

American Society for Nutrition
Bethesda

American Speech-Language-Hearing
Association (ASHA)
Rockville

Anxiety and Depression Association of
America
Silver Spring

AREMA: The American Railway
Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way
Association
Lanham

Association of Biomolecular Resource
Facilities
Bethesda

Association of Immunization Managers
Rockville

Association of Partners for Public Lands
Wheaton

American Society of Health-Systems
Pharmacists
Bethesda

Association for Molecular Pathology
Bethesda

Automotive Aftermarket Industry
Association
Bethesda

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Greenbelt

Employee Morale and Recreation
Association
Rockville

The Endocrine Society
Chevy Chase

Entomological Society of America
Lanham

Federation of American Societies for
Experimental Biology
Bethesda

Helen Maleady CPA, CGMA
Frederick

National Association of Veterans Research
& Educations Foundations
Chevy Chase

National Electrical Contractors Association
Bethesda

National Fenestration Rating Council
Greenbelt

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Silver Spring

ONJO Financial Services Corp
Silver Spring

Parenteral Drug Association (PDA)
Bethesda

School Nutrition Association
National Harbor

Security Industry Association
Silver Spring

Society of American Foresters
Bethesda

Thompson Management Associates
Annapolis, MD

The Wildlife Society
Bethesda

Michigan

American Concrete Institute
Farmington Hills

Building Owners & Managers Association
of Metro Detroit
Farmington Hills

CESSE – Council of Engineering and
Scientific Society Executives
Farmington Hills

Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association
Houghton

NTEA – The Association for the Work
Truck Industry
Farmington Hills

Post-Tensioning Institute
Farmington Hill

Minnesota

American Academy of Neurology
Minneapolis

Missouri

North American Equipment Dealers
Association
Fenton

St. Louis Convention & Visitors
Commission
St. Louis

Nebraska

College of Psychiatric and Neurologic
Pharmacists (CPNP)
Lincoln

Public Health Association of Nebraska
Lincoln

Nevada

The Association of State and Territorial
Dental Directors
Sparks

Nevada Restaurant Association
Las Vegas

Nevada Society of Association Executives
Las Vegas

Reno Sparks Convention & Visitors
Authority
Reno

New Jersey

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Pitman

American Academy of Ambulatory Care
Nurses
Pitman

Association Associates, Inc.
Trenton

IEEE: The Institute of Electrical and
Electronics Engineers
Piscataway

Juvenile Product Manufacturers Association
(JPMA)
Mount Laurel

Landis Sewer Authority
Vineland

Metal Powder Industries Federation
Princeton

New Mexico

Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau
Albuquerque, NM

New York

AIChE (American Institute of Chemical
Engineers)
New York City

American Institute of Certified Public
Accountants
New York City

American Thoracic Society
New York City

Public Relations Society of America
New York City

North Carolina

American Shore & Beach Preservation
Association
Caswell Beach

Carolinas Council for Affordable Housing
New Hill

Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors
Bureau
Raleigh

National Home Furnishings Association
High Point

Ohio

Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitors
Bureau
Cincinnati

College of Optometrists in Vision
Development
Aurora

International Window Cleaning Association
Zanesville

National Ground Water Association
Westerville, OH

National Tooling & Machine Association
Cleveland

OFA – The Association of Horticulture
Professionals
Columbus

Ohio Land Title Association
Zanesville

Ohio Library Council
Columbus

Ohio Produce Growers & Marketers
Association
Columbus

Ohio Society of Association Executives
Columbus

Ohio Society of CPAs
Dublin

Ohio Travel Association
Columbus

Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
Columbus

Oklahoma
The Oklahoma Society of CPAs
Oklahoma City

Oregon
Family Farm Alliance
Klamath Falls

Pennsylvania
Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
Harrisburg

Broadband Cable Association of
Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

Dana Tilghman
State College

Materials Research Society
Warrendale

The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society
(TMS)
Warrendale

Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for
Autism and Intellectual Disabilities
Harrisburg

Tecker International LLC
Yardley

Weber Business Services, LLC
Greencastle, PA

South Carolina
Charleston Area Hospitality Association
Charleston

U.S. Cultural & Heritage Tourism
Marketing Council
Hilton Head Island

Tennessee
Alco Management Inc.
Memphis

American Association for Laboratory
Animal Science
Memphis

Mississippi Valley Branch, AGC of America
Germantown

Texas
American Heart Association
Dallas

American Lighting Association
Dallas

International Association of Exhibitions and
Events
Dallas

NACE International
Houston

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers
Association
Fort Worth

Texas Land Title Association
Austin

Texas Society of CPAs
Dallas

Virginia
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
Alexandria

ACEC Virginia
Richmond

Aerospace Medical Association
Alexandria

AMC Institute
Alexandria

American Academy of Audiology
Reston

American Academy of Physician Assistants
Alexandria

American Association for Dental Research
Alexandria

American Association for the Study of Liver
Diseases
Alexandria

American Composite Manufacturers
Association
Arlington

American Counseling Association
Alexandria

American Feed Industry Association
Arlington

American Frozen Food Institute
McLean

American Industrial Hygiene Association
Falls Church

American Network of Community Options
and Resources (ANCOR)
Alexandria

American Society for Clinical Laboratory
Science
McLean

American Society for Clinical
Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Alexandria

American Society of Civil Engineers
Reston

American Society of Clinical Oncology
Alexandria

American Society of Pension Professionals
& Actuaries
Arlington

American Society of Travel Agents
Alexandria

American Traffic Safety Services
Association
Fredericksburg

American Water Resources Association
Middleburg

ASIS International
Alexandria

Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems
International
Arlington

Association of Clinical Research
Professionals
Alexandria

Association of Fundraising Professionals
Arlington

Association of Government Accountants
Alexandria

Association of State and Territorial Health
Officials
Arlington

Association of the United States Army
Arlington

Association of Veterinary Biologics
Company
McLean

ATCA
Alexandria

CCMA
McLean

Consumer Electronics Association
Arlington

Corporate Facility Advisors – CORFAC
International
Falls Church

Council for Affordable and Rural Housing
Alexandria

Door and Hardware Institute
Chantilly

FBI National Academy Associates
Quantico

ICPI, the Interlocking Concrete Pavement
Institute
Herndon

Independent Office Products & Furniture
Dealers Association (IOPFDA)
Alexandria

InfoComm International
Fairfax

International Association of Fire Chiefs
Fairfax

International Association of Movers (IAM)
Alexandria

International Public Management
Association for Human Resources
Alexandria

International Sign Association
Alexandria

International Test and Evaluation
Association
Fairfax

Irrigation Association
Falls Church

Medical Society of Virginia
Richmond

Military Officers Association of America
Alexandria

National Affordable Housing Management
Association
Alexandria

National Association for Music Education
Reston

National Association of Black Law
Enforcement Executives
Alexandria

National Association of Chemical
Distributors
Arlington

National Contract Management Association
Reston

National Defense Transportation
Association
Alexandria

National Office Products Association
(NOPA)
Alexandria

National Society of Professional Engineers
Alexandria

National Renders Association
Alexandria

National Society of Accountants
Alexandria

Navy League of the United States
Arlington

Non-Profit Help
Alexandria

NPES The Association for Suppliers of
Printing, Publishing and Converting
Technologies
Reston

The Nurses Organization of Veterans
Affairs
Sterling

Office Furniture Dealers Alliance
Alexandria

Professional Housing Management
Association (PHMA)
Leesburg

Professional Landcare Network
Herndon

Special Libraries Association
Alexandria

SYTA and SYTA Youth Foundation
McLean

TESOL International Association
Alexandria

United States Geospatial Intelligence
Foundation (USGIF)
Herndon

Virginia Forestry Association
Richmond

Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association
Richmond

Virginia Recreation and Park Society
Mechanicsville

Virginia Society of Association Executives
Glen Allen

Virginia Society of CPAs
Glen Allen

Water Environment Federation
Alexandria

Worldwide ERC
Arlington

Washington
SPIE, the International Society for Optics
and Photonics
Bellingham

Washington Society of Association
Executives
Edmonds

West Virginia

West Virginia Society of CPAs
Charleston

WV Council for Affordable & Rural
Housing, Inc.
Pulaski

Wisconsin

American Academy of Emergency Medicine
Milwaukee

American Society for Quality
Milwaukee

Association Management Partners
Madison

Snow & Ice Management Association, Inc.
Milwaukee

Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Milwaukee

Society of Behavioral Medicine
Milwaukee

Wisconsin Institute of CPAs
Brookfield