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Alex Costello serves as Vice President, government relations for the American Gaming Association (AGA). In this role, Alex advocates for the gaming industry's priorities on Capitol Hill and with the Administration. Alex also runs the member based Anti-Money Laundering working group, Payments Modernization working group and Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

Immediately prior to joining the AGA, Alex was the first-ever director of legislative affairs at the Center for Law and Social Policy, an anti-poverty non-profit.

While at the U.S. Department of State, Alex was chief of staff of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL), with 350 local staff, 5,000 overseas employees, and a \$4 billion budget for programs in 90 countries. Alex also served as the director of senate affairs in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to her roles in the executive branch, Alex served in the United States Senate for almost a decade for then Senator John Kerry (D-MA). She was the primary liaison with the Massachusetts business community, served as the Senator's political director, and oversaw all of the Senator's appropriations priorities. She also served as judiciary counsel, advising during two Supreme Court justice nominations.

Originally from Boston, Alex earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and her master's degree from Catholic University.