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Richard Patch is the Vice President of Federal Affairs for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) where he oversees legislative and regulatory affairs. Under Richard's leadership, the ASPCA works closely with federal policymakers to secure the strongest possible protections for animals through the passage of humane legislation and regulations. During his time at the ASPCA, Richard has overseen the organization's efforts to secure federal legislative and regulatory victories for animals, including the passage of legislation to crack down on animal fighting, provisions to protect our nation's wild and domestic horses, and measures to strengthen the enforcement of federal animal protection laws.

Prior to joining the ASPCA, Richard served as a federal policy expert for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) as well as the Political Director for the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF).

Richard also spent three years on Capitol Hill as an aide to his home state congressman, Representative Walter B. Jones (D-NC) and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Richard graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in political science.