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Kelly Keenan Aylward is the Washington Office Director for Bronx Zoo-based Wildlife Conservation Society and has run the Federal Affairs Program since opening the office in 2003. She works on domestic and international conservation policy and federal budget issues with the US Congress, the Administration and key stakeholders. Ms. Aylward has contributed to domestic and international conservation policy including: the development of new funding streams for species conservation, large scale landscape conservation, the protection of wildlife migrations, global pandemic influenza monitoring, and transportation facilities; the US Agency for International Development Climate and Development Strategy and the US Agency for International Development Biodiversity Policy; the establishment of the first Semi-Postal Stamp for wildlife; and the launch of the U.S. National Mammal Campaign. Prior to working at the Wildlife Conservation Society, Kelly worked as the Director of Government Affairs for the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation in Washington, DC, a partner foundation to the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Education. As Legislative Counsel to former Congressman Michael McNulty, Ms. Aylward's Capitol Hill work focused on appropriations, the environment, energy, education, agriculture, and animal issues. After earning her Juris Doctor at Albany Law School of Union University, in Albany, New York she clerked for the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division specializing in environmental quality review and land use planning appeals. Kelly sits on the International Conservation Caucus Foundation Conservation Council, the Teaming with Wildlife National Steering Committee, the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Coalition Steering Committee and the Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders Board. Kelly and her husband Kevin reside in Falls Church, VA and have two sons Conner and Kyle.

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