

## **Kelly Keenan Aylward**

### **Short Biography**

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**Kelly Aylward** is the Washington Office Director for Bronx Zoo-based Wildlife Conservation Society and has run their Federal Affairs Program since 2003. She works on domestic and international conservation policy and federal budget issues with the US Congress, the Administration and key stakeholders. 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. As Legislative Counsel to Rep. Michael McNulty (D-NY), Kelly's Capitol Hill work focused on appropriations, the environment, energy, education, agriculture, and animal welfare 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 maintains positions on the Board of the Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders, the Advisory Council of the International Conservation Caucus Foundation, and the Steering Committee of International Conservation Partnership. Kelly and her husband Kevin reside in Falls Church, VA and have two sons Conner and Kyle.

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