



ATEST Hires New Director

WASHINGTON -- The Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST) is thrilled to announce that Terry FitzPatrick has begun work this month in the newly created position of ATEST director. His appointment will significantly expand the alliance's capacity to conduct advocacy with members of Congress and Executive Branch agencies at a critical time, with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act up for reauthorization and ATEST requesting substantial increases in federal appropriations for anti-trafficking programs.

FitzPatrick has been involved with ATEST in various capacities for more than a decade and served as co-chair for the past three years. He has worked as the communications and advocacy director at ATEST-member organization Free the Slaves.

A broadcast journalist by training, his award-winning coverage of human rights, criminal justice, and environmental issues has aired on National Public Radio, PBS, the History Channel and Discovery Channel. Since joining Free the Slaves in 2009, he has partnered with grassroots organizations and survivor activists to produce films about human trafficking in 14 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. He helped oversee ATEST's transition to an independent coalition in 2018. As co-chair, he has helped ATEST membership grow and has helped guide the alliance through successful Congressional advocacy efforts to pass critical legislation and authorize hundreds of millions of dollars in federal anti-trafficking spending.

FitzPatrick will work closely with ATEST co-chairs Anita Teekah of Safe Horizon and Annick Febrey of the Human Trafficking Institute.

The ATEST director position is funded by a generous grant from ATEST-member organization United Way Center to Combat Human Trafficking.

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ATEST is a U.S.-based coalition that advocates for solutions to prevent and end all forms of human trafficking and modern slavery around the world. We advocate for lasting solutions to prevent forced labor and sex trafficking, hold perpetrators accountable, ensure justice for victims and empower survivors with tools for recovery. Our collective experience implementing programs at home and abroad provides our coalition an unparalleled breadth and depth of expertise.

ATEST member organizations include: Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), Free the Slaves, HEAL Trafficking, Human Trafficking Institute, Humanity United Action (HUA), McCain Institute for International Leadership, National Network for Youth (NN4Y), Polaris, Safe Horizon, Solidarity Center, T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, United Way Worldwide, Verité, and Vital Voices Global Partnership.

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