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Anne Basham is the CEO of Ascend Consulting, a human rights advocacy firm, and is the Founding Chair of the Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ITHT), an international consortium of Members of Parliament/Congress and lived-experience experts with the shared mission of stopping human trafficking through partnership in policy solutions.

With a passion for organizing momentum around human rights policies, Anne is the convener of the [ATIP \(anti-trafficking in persons\) Policy Roundtable in the U.S. Senate](#) which twice a year brings together more than 60 NGOs as well as Members of Congress for discussions about policy solutions to stop human trafficking. She is also Founder and Chair of the [Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking](#) where she leads a coalition of more than 40 Members of Parliament and Congress, government leaders, lived experience experts and policy experts from throughout the world in partnership in policy solutions to human rights and global security issues. She also spearheaded the creation of the [Global Leader Summit on Human Trafficking](#) which brought together a curated group of government leaders from more than 60 nations at Westminster Hall in London, England to create momentum for policy changes to stop human trafficking.

Anne earned her Masters in Education from University of Virginia and began her career working in the United States Senate. Her op-eds have been featured in various publications, and she has been a guest on numerous media outlets. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum.

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Previously, Anne was in senior leadership at the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) which provides over \$2 billion in federal funding directed to nonprofit organizations and other projects serving victims of human trafficking, terrorism, sexual assault, and child welfare. She earned her Masters in Education from University of Virginia and began her career in the United States Senate. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum.