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Statement of Teala Davies

I was going to start this speech by saying I WAS a victim of Jeffrey Epstein, but that is not the case. I am STILL a victim of Jeffrey Epstein.

I am still a victim because the fear of not being heard stopped me from telling my story for so many years. A lingering fear that almost stopped me from attending this monumental movement of strength and power.

I am still a victim because I am fearful for my daughters, and everyone's daughters, for their future in a world where there are predators in power. A world where people can avoid justice if their pockets run deep enough.

I am still a victim because I cannot eat with the thought of Jeffrey Epstein not serving the time he deserves and that he needed to realize the pain and suffering he caused me and so many vulnerable young girls.

I am still a victim because the 17 year old Me was manipulated into thinking Jeffrey cared about me and wanted to help me. I was a child and He knew exactly what he wanted and how to get it. I had nowhere else to go and he knew that too. He took advantage of that poor little girl who will never be the same.

Here, we have the opportunity to be brave and take our power back and I am full of gratitude for that chance. Jeffrey Epstein thought he was untouchable and, honestly, so did I. I thought he was the most powerful person I would ever meet. But the end is here and here I stand becoming more powerful than he ever was.

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