Reaction by Thomson Reuters Foundation CEO Monique Villa to the death of former slavery victim Jennifer Kempton

I am devastated to learn of the death of Jennifer Kempton – an exceptional American woman who led the fight against sex trafficking.

Her organisation Survivor’s Ink gave women strength and helped them grow from victim to survivor. Her own experiences, which she so eloquently and courageously shared at Trust Conference/America Forum last month, are a testament to her bravery and tenacity.

She touched so many lives. Jennifer was known to many as a warrior and this she was to the end. Her legacy is the continued fight against human trafficking and slavery, and vital support for the survivors. This tragedy sheds a light on the total impunity of traffickers and slavers who continue to commit these most horrific of crimes.

My deepest condolences to her grandmother with whom she lived, her children and her friends. If you wish, you can donate to the costs of her funeral: https://www.youcaring.com/teresapollock-826396