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My name is Marissa Heymann. I am a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and further traumatic events into my adult years.

I am disgusted that the 'Good character reference' even exists.

As you should all know by now, perpetrators typically ALWAYS show signs of 'good character' in their communities. That is one of the ways in which they get away with their cruel and hideous behaviour.

These references are harmful and NOT relevant and I want to see them removed in every state.

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