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Hello

I strongly condemn the use of good character references in the sentencing of child sex offenders.

As a survivor of child sexual abuse, I found the court case equally as distressing as the sexual assaults and sodomy I experienced as a young child. My account being called into question and other extraneous factors was appalling.

As a child protection clinician, I'm across the grooming these people use to carry out their child sex offences. I refer to the report published by ChildLight UNSW on characteristics of men who carry out these crimes - predominantly unassuming respectf men

Regards

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