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**To:** sentencingcouncil

**Subject:** Your Reference Ain't Relevant

## Hi,

I'm a concerned citizen writing in support of the #YourReferenceAintRelevant campaign to remove good character references from sentencing in cases of child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and rape.

These references retraumatise survivors and diminish the severity of these crimes. It's time to prioritise justice for survivors over the reputation of offenders.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Julia