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Hi. I'm a concerned Australian woman who works in the mental healthcare industry. I am appalled at the lack of support we as usually women, or vulnerable people in the community receive; who have endured awful treatment such as sexual assault, domestic violence and child sexual assault. It is diabolical that these people when facing the extremely painful process of trial are then counteracted with references from people who can invalidate that the behaviour that the perpetrator is not capable of such acts. These references are not only completely traumatising, blatantly disturbing to occur; but they also completely irrelevant as abusers don't always show they're true colours to their best friends, work colleagues, peers etc but what happens behind closed doors this abuse is occurring.

Everyone knows someone's who's been raped, but no one personally knows a rapist.  
Sorry but....  
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