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Hi,

My name is Kim and I am a survivor of child sexual abuse. I was aged 4-5 when the horrific experiences occurred, and I've suffered my whole life, as a result of the abuse. I don't know where this man lives and I don't know if he's still alive, but if he faced a court of law and was able to weasel out of a deserved sentence, it would be completely distressing and I would lose all faith in the legal system. It would also question my value in life. Known pedophiles and perpetrators of child sexual abuse should not have access to good character references. What they have done is completely abhorrent and they should not have any right to a more lenient sentence for the crimes they have committed. I will stand with Harrison James and Jarad Grice as they campaign #yourreferenceaintrelevant and I hope that in the near future, perpetrators will no longer have access to such character references, and justice will be witnessed by victims and their families.

Kind regards,
Kim Hancock