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Hi there,

I strongly oppose the use of good character references in sentencing for child sexual abusers. These crimes involve a fundamental betrayal of trust, and an offender's prior reputation should not lessen the severity of their punishment. Good character references can mislead the court, minimise the harm done to victims, and undermine public confidence in the justice system. Sentencing should be based on the crime itself, not the offender's past standing in the community.

Kind regards  
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