

From: [REDACTED]
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To whom it concerns,

Character references have nothing to do with whether or not an act of abuse, sexual, domestic or otherwise occurred. It should never excuse someone's behaviour from being a criminal offence.

I have countless friends, near and far who have experienced domestic and sexual abuse, including a close friend whose story was not taken into account during a court case even though she was a victim among others.

Please please take character references out, stop protecting the rich and wealthy because reputations or careers don't want to be ruined. Make abusers take the full consequences for their actions. Victims deserve more!

Kind regards, [REDACTED] (please submit anonymously)