From:
To: sentencingcouncil

Subject: #YourReferenceAintRelevant

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support of the #YourReferenceAintRelevant campaign.

The provision of good character references for convicted child sex offenders is not acceptable.

I was sexually abused as a child. The perpetrator in my case, my Grandfather, used character references.

Many people saw his 'good character'. He was a respectable man in the community.

He also sexually abused me up until the age of 7.

These do not go hand in hand.

Thank you.