

Dear legislators,

I am writing to ask you to keep natural Kratom available for people. You can ban the synthetic version as it is dangerous, but the natural version helps many people.

My friend was in an accident which left him with major pain in his left arm. He tried everything to control the pain. He was dealing with addiction that caused issues with law enforcement and jobs. He was living with a family member and unable to be independent. He started using kratom and found it controlled the pain. He no longer spent every waking minute thinking about how to get opioids. He started working a regular job. He stopped drinking and smoking. He is happy and lives independently with a stable job.

His family is no longer worried about him losing his life, hurting someone else or ending up in jail. He has hope for his future. His pain is managed. He has been using Kratom for the past 8 years with success.

Please consider all the people who have used the natural Kratom to change their lives. Without it, going back to what was is literally a death sentence. Vote yes to banning synthetic kratom, and making natural kratom for over 21.

Thank you,

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