

Dear Council Members,

My father served as a USAF fighter pilot and drinking was part of a pilot's persona, and was an acceptable activity for most in the 1960s and 70s. I followed in my parent's footsteps, but after decades of drinking, it accelerated into full blown (albeit semi-functioning) alcoholism.

I served my country building nuclear submarines in an outside machinist capacity, but after decades of wear and tear on my body, my back broke down very painfully (degenerative disc disease, osteoarthritis, spinal stenosis and sciatica.) I was eventually forcefully retired at full disability. I needed a walker to get to the bathroom and could not help my wonderful dutiful wife do household activities.

I say all of that to tell you that by just taking two or three teaspoons of lab tested unadulterated kratom leaf powder per day, I was able to stop the cravings of alcohol (six years sober) and relieve my pain enough to drive, do household chores and not use my walker. I can help my wife once again. I cannot tell you how glad that makes me feel.

I am only one of millions of people to whom kratom has returned some semblance of normalcy; many have much worse ailments than I have, and their stories are desperate and heartbreaking.

You likely have enough life experience and know what addiction can do to an individual and/or a family. Kratom brought me back to my Lord, my wife and family, and continues to help me live a life I thought was behind me.

I don't get drunk or high. Only synthetic or concentrated unnatural substances in this arena, such as 7OH (7-Hydroxy Mitragynine) or MGM-15 & 16 (semi-synthetic derivatives known for their higher potencies as agonists of opioid receptors) make people high, and not natural leaf kratom. Many folks with an addictive personality and people experiencing chronic pain take kratom responsibly to live normal lives.

It doesn't cure life's ills, but it sure helps the multitudes of folks like me; some estimates ranging into the tens of millions. I humbly ask that you allow people to make the choice to buy natural kratom unadulterated, properly examined and labeled, kept away from those under 21, and available to good people who don't want to get high, and only want to live without excruciating pain or addiction.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

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