

Dear Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to you in support of SB 2408, banning synthetic kratom derivatives. Last July, I personally had the privilege of being welcomed to the HHS press briefing stage by FDA Commissioner Makary, where I spoke about the benefits of plain leaf kratom and to distinguish it from the dangerous 7-OH (which is not kratom, though they are often conflated in the media).

On July 1, The DEA announced that it is banning 7-OH and other dangerous synthetics by placing them on Federal Schedule 1. Here is the link: [HHS, FDA Commend DEA Action Against Dangerous Enhanced 7-OH Products | HHS.gov](#) Since the Federal ban is imminent and your bill mirrors that action, perhaps with an accelerated timeline.

Thank you for letting me add my voice to this crucial decision.

Best regards,

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