

The Kratom debate is simple; it is a drug that should be treated similarly to the rest of the schedule 1 drugs. It is a highly dangerous substance that people can get severely addicted to, and yet it is available at your local gas station. I saw them in my town labeled “Feel Good” with lots of colors and flashy designs. I had to ask the clerk what it was because it did not say. This is incredibly dangerous for our youth. We know that flavors are a pull for young people, from kratom to vapes, both are flavored and highly addictive to attract and hook a younger audience. This bill is much preferred over HB 1628 because we know that businesses fail compliance checks. Even with a 21+ designation, the youth will still be able to get the product and fall victim to it. The Governor and AG are correct in their shared decision to ban the substance; we must uphold the ban and ensure that our youth are protected from “insidious drug manufactures.”

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