

To Whom This May Concern,

The scheduling of Kratom in opposition to proper regulations to keep the product safe, is without a single shred of doubt, a massive leap backward. I implore you to look at the science behind Kratom and Mitragynine. If you do so, you will see just how deceptive the lies surrounding it are. The safety of quality Kratom and Mitragynine is objectively established with modern science, and enacting a bill like this contradicts such findings.

Despite not being a resident of the state, I feel strongly compelled to voice my opinion, as without Kratom, my chronic health condition would render me unable to work to make a living and keep a roof over my head. The fact that legislation like this could render me homeless if passed in my own state, I'm terrified for the people of North Dakota.

I can assure you with every fiber of my being, that those who are trying to push this legislation are either doing so in bad faith, are simply just unaware of the truth behind the science of Kratom and its well-known alkaloid Mitragynine, or they have been innocently deceived by lies.

We are very lucky as a nation to have an organization like the American Kratom Association. They have relentlessly fought tooth and nail throughout the country for years to help educate people on Kratom safety and regulation and I encourage you to listen to their message.

What we really, truly need is proper regulation to ensure the quality of the products to keep people safe and free from consuming potentially adulterated products. The real harm that comes from any kind of consumption of this product is not actually from the product itself, but from the lack of regulation surrounding it, allowing nefarious actors to distribute contaminated products to the public unbeknownst to them.

Thank you so much for listening to what I have to say.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Petrikin