## Please read

In 2012 I was ran over by a truck crushing my lower spine and right hip I had 4 surgeries spinal fusion hip replacement going back in for scar tissue removal. Starting in 2012 I was prescribed pain killer first 10mg Vicodin then 10mg norcos then OxyContin then finally I was given fentanyl 100mcg 72hr transdermal patches with 5mg dilaudid for breakthrough pain relief and I was still visiting the Emergency Room at least once a month. I went to every major learning hospital/center visiting 70 specialist trying to get the pain under control. And was finally told this is just how your gonna have to live unfortunately we dont understand enough about spinal injuries and nerve damage to fix you. I was labels 68% permanently disabled allowed to rotate through sitting standing and laying down in 20 minute intervals. I Was granted approval for disability benefits and social security I was 25 years old and I found this to be unacceptable. So I set out visiting every alternative medical care I could find meditation shaman sound therapy water therapy lots of physical therapy some people wouldnt even touch me after looking at mri/xray films. I ended up visiting a holistic doctor prescribed things like using peppermint for treating depression. As a finally last attempt looking for herbs or supplements that may help me. I was introduced to Kratom by her it was 2016 I was 26 years old. My pain level today is completely manageable no not gone but I get by with taking 1 gram of Kratom to treat my pain as needed and function better then most people my age and to those who arent aware of my injury they would say I dont have any. Im 36 years old I work full time at a physical demanding job and visit the gym 4-5 times a week. I will not go back to big pharma i will not go back to living my life the way I did for those years. Taking more and more of the real drugs passed out by doctors. Show me any big pharma products that work and you use less over time there not one. And big pharma doesnt like it and lobbyists dont work for the citizens. Its being demonized by the people who are losing money from people like me. Please

Stop taking away the rights of people to treat themselves when the hospitals and doctors fail us the practice medicine and dont have all the answers.