

I am respectfully requesting that you please reconsider the ban on the botanical Kratom. It has received undue negative press because of the irresponsible behavior of a few who either tampered with the natural plant or consumed it in combination with known dangerous substances. There is too much disinformation based upon fear, as opposed to practical knowledge and actual science.

My father, a Veteran (U.S. Army of Occupation in Japan) passed away at a V.A. Hospice. This followed a lengthy period of caregiving and was devastating for me. I found an herbal product that helps me cope with relentless emotional trauma. With Kratom, I've been able to continue working, paying my bills, going to the gym, participating as a drummer in musical ensembles, supporting my husband's fire department and Masonic organization, and volunteering at a local nursing home (I do a weekly Storytime for Seniors). I've also earned a certification in my field and am thriving at work.

Please instead consider the Kratom Consumer Protection Act:

<https://kratom.org/guides/kcpa/>

Please also see:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc_UqjQfmzI

I appreciate your attention very much.

Best,

Lori