

<html><head></head><body style="overflow-wrap: break-word; -webkit-nspace-mode: space; line-break: after-white-space;">Hello and thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify the written word.<div><br></div><div>I read recently that the state is considering scheduling Kratom, which would effectively ban and make it illegal to own or use. I visit North Dakota occasionally on vacation and being retired, I have the ability to travel anywhere with my family I choose. For the last four years I have been needing to use Kratom on occasion to offset the debilitating effects of a couple autoimmune diseases. There is no approved, pharmaceutical drug other than strong opioids that will accomplish the same thing as Kratom has for me. If North Dakota schedules them, we will no longer be able to visit or tour your beautiful state. I hope you will reconsider and vote against this and in favor for medical health sovereignty for every person visiting or living in your state.</div><div><br></div><div>Carl Christensen</div></body></html>