

North Dakota legislators,

I just wanted to share my story on how kratom has positively impacted my life. After waking up one day in 2005, paralyzed from my neck down, I was eventually diagnosed with transverse myelitis, and became a chronic pain patient. For 13 years, I endured living in pain every day until I discovered kratom in May of 2019. I've been consuming it responsibly for over 5 years and it has granted me a second chance at life! Unlike any prescription pain medication I've been prescribed over the years, kratom has provided unparalleled relief. I no longer suffer every day; I can get out of bed and be a mom! I can go to school functions, run errands, go to the store, and just live life without suffering. Though I regained mobility I still face many physical limitations, however I'm no longer confined by constant pain. Thanks to this amazing plant. Although I'm a Tennessee resident, I know that there are citizens in North Dakota and all over the US who could benefit from this plant. I ask that you please Keep Kratom Legal so that those people have the freedom to choose that option if they want to.

Thank you so much for your time,

Jennifer Gillis