

Hello distinguished board members,
While I do not live in North Dakota, I just wanted to send a short testimony and voice my opposition to the criminalization of Mitragynine, or Kratom. I had a near deadly addiction to benzodiazepines and alcohol many years ago and Kratom really helped me stop using both of those substances. I was able to start trail running and lifting weights and be present for my family with the help of Mitragynine. Please do not outlaw this plant. I would be in total support of an outlaw of extracts that go beyond the natural limit that is present in plain leaf Kratom, but the natural plant powder is not dangerous, in my opinion. Please consider enacting the Krater Consumer Protection Act, like many states have already done successfully. Thank you for your time.

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