

Kratom consumers should not be subjected to punitive punishment, which is what you are calling for when you vote yes to schedule kratom as a controlled substance.

Studies show that imprisonment worsens a persons life tremendously- beyond their time in jail. Jail/prison will negatively affect their mental and physical health. It will negatively affect their job, their family.

Prison is a terrible place to be and kratom tea drinkers do not belong there. How could that be Justice? The people who take kratom are already a marginalized group; these are pain patients, recovering addicts, veterans, teachers, factory workers, working class citizens.

The War on Drugs has been devastating to the citizens of America, and criminalizing kratom is no different.

Please reference Marshall Price from Arkansas, who was killed 3 weeks into his 10 year prison sentence for trafficking kratom ten miles across the state line.

Marshall Prices constitutional rights, Arkansas Civil rights, and protection against discrimination under the American with Disabilities Act was violated in the Arkansas prison system. This resulted in an agonizing death that traumatized his family for generations to come.

On behalf of your states kratom tea drinkers, do not pass this ban. This will be detrimental to the wellness and happiness of the consumers of your state. Please consider the Kratom Consumer Protection Act instead.

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