

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support of Kratom and to express my opinion of why this bill should not be passed. I no longer take Kratom, but I did for a couple months last year after I hurt my back. It helped me immensely with pain management and to get through each day so I didn't have to take time off from work. I didn't feel impaired whatsoever after taking it and it was very easy to quit when I decided to do so.

I have seen firsthand just how much this plant can help people both physically and mentally. I also know it has helped many people who were addicted to hard drugs and alcohol. If you ban Kratom some of those people will go back to using those drugs. Their lives will be so much worse and some of them may die. Please don't allow this to happen.

I truly don't understand why anyone would want to ban this plant. It is very safe for those who use it and those who do use it don't put anyone else in danger at all. How does it make any sense for drugs like tobacco and alcohol to be legal but not Kratom? It is much safer in every way imaginable. This is supposed to be a free country. Why can't you let adults have the freedom to decide what's best for them?

I sincerely hope you make the right decision and allow this amazing plant to stay legal. Kratom saves lives, please don't take it away from those who desperately need it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Collin Schott