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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee

--. My name is Wendy Chamberlain and I'm here today to express my deep concern about the dangers of kratom. My son passed away August 30, 2020 to mitragynine toxicity. This was the only substance in his body that he consumed for energy. He was my only child and a father to three amazing boys. Our world was shattered.

As the founder of the Kratom Danger Awareness group , I've seen firsthand the devastating impact of kratom on individuals and families in our communities. With its addictive potential, lack of regulation, and alarming health risks, I firmly believe that banning kratom is crucial for protecting our citizens.

Kratom's risks are real and well-documented. The FDA has warned against its use due to concerns over addiction, seizures, and psychosis. Locally, we've seen , which only underscores the urgent need for action.

The DEA lists Kratom as a drug of concern.

This substance is often marketed as a "natural" solution, but the truth is that kratom can:

- Lead to physical dependence and addiction
- Exacerbate mental health conditions like anxiety and depression
- Interact dangerously with other substances
- Cause seizures, psychosis, and other serious health issues

The FDA does track issues with Kratom using the

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program

While there aren't specific statistics available on kratom-related deaths in the USA, the FDA has warned consumers about the risks of serious adverse events, including liver toxicity, seizures, and substance use disorder. Additionally, the FDA has seized numerous

kratom products due to concerns over contamination and false or misleading claims about their benefits

It's essential to note that kratom is not approved by the FDA for any medical use, and its sale is not regulated. This lack of regulation and quality control can increase the risk of adverse effects.

Kratom-Related Risks:

- Liver Toxicity: Kratom use has been linked to liver damage and toxicity, deaths.
- Seizures: There have been reports of seizures associated with kratom use.
- Substance Use Disorder: Kratom can lead to physical dependence and addiction ¹.
- Contamination: Kratom products may be contaminated with other substances or heavy metals, Bird and mice droppings.

By banning kratom, we can:

- Protect our youth from its harmful effects
- Support those struggling with addiction
- Preserve the well-being and safety of our community

I urge you to consider the following actions:

1. Ban the sale and distribution of kratom within your city/county.
2. Provide resources and support for those struggling with kratom addiction.
3. Educate our community about the dangers of kratom.

I'm not alone in this concern.

Together, we can create a safer, healthier community. I request that you take immediate action to address the kratom threat.

Thank you.

Wendy Halpen Chamberlain
Joseph's Mom Forever 38

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