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Greetings,

I am an Oregon professional and long-time (ten years) kratom consumer. I would like to encourage the legislature to pass the Oregon Kratom Consumer Protection Act, to make kratom available safely and legally to all Oregonians. I can speak from personal experience to the remarkable benefits of this plant, and over ten years of use have never experienced any negative side effects. Unadulterated kratom used responsibly by adults is about as dangerous as coffee; that is to say, not at all. Limiting its availability and legality, on the other hand, would have negative repercussions, particularly during this time of the opioid crisis, when kratom has such promise as a treatment for opioid addiction and recovery.

Please recognize the legitimate science that has been done regarding kratom and demonstrating its safety and properties. I would ask you to please be wary of fear-mongering and misleading information coming from the pharmaceutical industry and its allies, who would like to force consumers to use their dangerous products instead of a mild and harmless plant. The American Kratom Association is a tremendous resource for actual scientific information.

I am pleased that the legislature is considering a bill that would put into place safety regulations around kratom, to ensure that consumers are accessing unadulterated products, and making sure that consumers have legal access to the products they want.

Thank you for your consideration.