

To Whom it may concern;

I respectfully ask you to please reconsider the banning of Mitragyna (Kratom).

I am a 44 year old father of two, a college graduate, a former peace officer and a veteran of the US Marine Corps. I was injured in a parachute accident in the Marines and was put on pain medication which I became addicted to in short order. During my addiction I suffered tremendously and my family suffered along side of me.

To make a long story short I went from being a great father and a highly productive member of society to basically not being able to get out of bed. I honestly thought my life was over... then I found Kratom. I know it sounds cliché but Kratom saved my life! I stopped using opioids practically over night and have been clean for more than two years! This is the cure to the opioid epidemic and most certainly not a threat to anyone's health. I only wish I found Kratom sooner and didn't make my family suffer through those difficult years.

In conclusion I beg you not to ban this product! Or at the very least do your research and don't make any knee jerk decisions. I have no doubt that without finding Kratom I would most definitely still be on opioids and most likely be divorced if not dead. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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