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 SB22-120 Regulation Of Kratom Processors  
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John Murray For Murray - Brown laboratories in	<p>Based upon the number of FDA recalls for Salmonella and our concern for Heavy Metals we believe it imperative that Kratom be regulated for these and other similar parameters.</p> <p>These products are primarily grown and processed in Indonesia with little or no regulation or oversight with regard to quality, and the presence of dangerous adulterants.</p> <p>These products can then be further processed here in CO/USA and with little or no oversight other than litigation after injuring those who consume it.</p> <p>Those parameters and associated pass/fail criteria are relatively well established in the industry but not universally required/enforced.</p>
Jeffrey Green For Self	<p>Regulating and insuring kratom is a good idea, just like how Colorado does the same with thc.</p> <p>I've came across kratom mixed with other mystery substances, and mold and bacteria riddled kratom.</p> <p>I'm a long term kratom user, and use a legal limit extract. I find a quality extract is better on my digestion, and doesn't overload me with raw plant materials.</p> <p>The only side effects I've encountered are possible irritability, and if my dosage is off, drowsiness.</p> <p>Small doses are key to unlocking the stimulant effects of kratom, which is a calming stimulant which helps me get more done and be more sociable.</p> <p>I've found kratom to be extremely helpful with energy levels and as a social lubricant.</p>
Matthew Clark For Self	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please support the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, and put it into effect. Kratom is a safe, mild, yet effective medicine as dried tree leaves. It needs to be protected and tested for quality and safety, and stay available in the market for anyone. Vote for this protection act and support the safe availability of kratom medicine!</p> <p>Thank You,</p> <p>Matthew Lyon Clark</p>
Andrew Rinne-Mignotte For Self	<p>To whom it may concern,</p>

	<p>First I want to thank you all for working so hard for the people of Colorado. I can only imagine the difficulties involved in being responsible for the health and safety of an entire state full of people.</p> <p>I'm writing you to let you know that I support the work that the American Kratom Association does to help inform people on the safety and efficacy of unadulterated kratom.</p> <p>I was hopelessly addicted to Oxycodone and was prescribed a quantity of 240, 5mg pills every month. I found kratom in 2014 and was able to wean off of my prescription pain medication and onto kratom. My quality of life has never been better since making the switch.</p> <p>When I was on oxycodone, I had little motivation, I had numerous gastrointestinal issues, including debilitating constipation, for which I had to go to urgent care for. I was depressed, my sex life was in the gutter, my memory was horrible, and I was hopelessly addicted.</p> <p>Kratom gave me back my life. I'm so happy that the Kratom Consumer Protection Act was passed in the senate and look forward to the protections the act offers.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my letter in support of this hearing item.</p> <p>Warm regards, Andrew Rinne-Mignotte</p>
<p>Christopher Deaney For Self</p>	<p>My name is Christopher. I was hit by a car at 8 years old. I have dealt with chronic pain my entire life. I am 47 years old now and have had multiple health issues. Kratom has given me my life back. Kratom has given me the ability to get out of bed with minimal discomfort. Please make sure that this plant is available. Proper regulations will make sure that kratom will be around for more people like me.</p> <p>Thank You. God Bless and Be Safe! Christopher</p>
<p>Nathan Moore For Self</p>	<p>Kratom has absolutely changed my life for the better in every way possible. Keeping this plant safe and legal in our great state of Colorado has to be a main goal and objective. We need to protect this plant/ medicine from vendors that do not have oversight and can alter the powder. Oversight and guidance is key to keeping this plant safe for everyone and I pray we have the open mind to keep it legal and safe here in Colorado. I couldn't imagine this being taken away from me and everyone for that matter cause of how amazing it is for relief of a lot of different ailments. Let's work together and push forward and protect this in every way possible because it's changed everyone I knows life after they have tried it. Thank you so much and god bless!</p>
<p>Mark Kay</p>	<p>Hello,</p>

For Self	<p>My name is Mark and I support KCPA. I take kratom to manage my chronic pain due to motor vehicle accident 15 years ago. I discovered kratom after doctors refused to help me with my chronic pain. After discovering kratom I got my life back and now I can manage my day to day tasks with minimal amount of pain. I plead with you make kratom available to everyone so that people who are struggling with pain will have access to kratom.</p> <p>I sincerely appreciate your time.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p> <p>Mark Kay</p>
Noa Sakurada For Self	<p>Hi. I believe that Kratom should be fully legal and regulated worldwide, and that the KCPA would do a great service in this regard to the people of Colorado.</p> <p>This simple plant aids countless people who are in pain, and who realize they do not have to deal with addiction to pharmaceutical opiates to deal their pain. It helps countless people who have developed an unnecessary addiction to pharmaceutical opiates break the cycle and begin living a healthy and free life again.</p> <p>I personally benefit from Kratom for pain relief and know numerous other upstanding citizens who benefit from this benign plant as well. I am a responsible citizen who does not drink or use drugs, who puts health and community first, and who tries to spread positivity and contribute to society, and the countless others who benefit from this plant are also in my experience good, law-abiding, productive people.</p> <p>I believe to make Kratom illegal would be akin to pulling the rug from beneath the feet of many of the world's upstanding people who have found this plant's benefits, forcing them into a lifestyle of daily pharmaceutical opiate use (which is impossible not to lead to addiction) to manage pain, or even worse to the black market for other means of self-medication. The KCPA would help place and settle kratom into a stable, regulated legal status.</p> <p>The KCPA would be vital in helping to stop adulterated and unsafe products into the market. Safe and pure kratom plant is consumed by millions of Americans and thousands of Colorado citizens to help with pain management, as an alternative to coffee, or to help avoid using much more powerful substances like pain killers, and the KCPA would be a fundamental part of regulating Kratom, keeping it safe, as it naturally is when worries of contamination are alleviated by said regulation.</p>

	<p>Thank you so much for hearing these thoughts. Have a nice day.</p> <p>-Noa Sakurada</p>
<p>Adam Stewart For Self</p>	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Without Kratom I wouldn't be alive. I have a serious and diagnosed form of general anxiety disorder, so bad it's landed me in the hospital countless times. I've been through some of the worst episodes you could ever imagine. Through the really hard times, like divorce, losing my grandpa etc, the anxiety was too much to bear. Suicide was going to be my solution. I thought it was the only solution- pharmaceuticals made / make me feel WORSE and they don't work. There's chemicals in them and who knows what lasting permanent damage they will do to a person. In fact, it is my belief that pharmaceuticals may have actually caused the problems I have. One is confirmed, which was Accutane. I took it as a teenager. FDA approved but it caused many people to commit suicide. It could very well be the cause of my mental anguish, the only difference is I didn't go through with it. NATURAL MEDICINE IS GOOD MEDICINE. One day while I was at the very end of my rope, by some giant miracle, I was recommended to try Kratom. From the first try, it immediately unlocked the problem in my brain that I've never been able to cure. All of a sudden I could live a normal life, and life has been absolutely beautiful for me ever since. I can finally be a normal person! I've been taking it for over five years, it hasn't caused any side effects whatsoever, and I'm able to live without suffering. Kratom is a miracle cure for so many people, and so many ailments, and it's 100% natural from Mother Earth. I believe it has been placed on our planet by our creator(s), specifically for our use. If Kratom ever goes away, I will once again be left contemplating commit suicide. I won't be able to cope. I'll be right back to the moment where it was recommended to me, where I was suffering immensely and ready to end my life. If you don't have mental problems then I get that you wouldn't understand the benefits of Kratom. We are all different, and all have different needs. I beg of you, please do what is right and help move Kratom closer to a protected right for all Coloradoans. I support the Kratom consumer protection act, and I think it's great that there is now government involvement to help with its safe manufacturing. Although, I will say that I have never had an unsafe batch, not even once. I support the KCPA because I believe it will give way to the normalization of Kratom, and lead to support for Kratom users, rather than stigma.</p>
<p>Valerie Legore For Self</p>	<p>Thank you for your efforts to regulate Kratom production and distribution. Kratom has been a "miracle drug" for those suffering from chronic pain, who want to avoid the addictive effects of opioids. It also helps those with debilitating anxiety who have had averse effects from powerful pharmaceuticals. Indeed it is a powerful medication, with potential damaging side-effects, therefore it should be used under the</p>

	<p>supervision of a medical professional at least while the appropriate dosage is determined for the individual.</p> <p>Let's not be beholden to the pharmaceutical companies that suppress natural and nutritional treatments and cures. May Colorado assert its independence and allow its citizens the freedom to treat their ailments and conditions in any manner they wish, with regulations only addressing product quality and risks, leaving the decision between the patient and their health care provider.</p>
<p>James Sylk For Self</p>	<p>I would like to say that I am for the regulation of Kratom processors, and I also fully support the KCPA. It is important for legislators around the country to understand that underneath the very thin top layer of stigma that surrounds Kratom, there is a vast community of regular, everyday, law-abiding, hard-working people that find countless benefits from the consumption of Kratom. Criminalizing this amazing botanical would only serve to hurt the community that benefits from it, and would just create one more item to cause the state-wide criminal justice system more burden. It would also introduce unregulated, black market vendors who would push God-knows-what kind of substances as Kratom, some of that potentially harmful to the good people that love and benefit from Kratom. I am for the protection and legalization of Kratom possession and consumption, and also for the regulation of its distributors. Thank you.</p>
<p>Kenneth Freitik For Self</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Kratom has absolutely saved me and my family from some of the worst times of our lives. I herniated a disc in my back 8 years ago at work. I was prescribed many different pain medications to help control my pain. I became so badly addicted to these that I could not hold down a job and was also a miserable person to be around. I had to file bankruptcy and almost lost my wife and two children because of the person I had become. I decided I had to make a change.</p> <p>My doctors tried reducing my medication and many other things to help me. Nothing worked for very long at all. I finally found something that completely changed my life forever. That was Kratom. Kratom gave me the ability to control my pain without many side effects. I was also able to get back to work full time.</p> <p>I have been using pure Kratom powder mixed in water now for 6 years. I work at a great job that I love and am able to take care of my family. I have never had any negative side effects from Kratom. If I lost my right to use this plant for my treatment, I would not have any other choice but to go back to using strong synthetic pain medication and that would not end well at all.</p> <p>I believe the KPCA is crucial in protecting our ability to use safe, unadulterated Kratom. There are some vendors out there that only care about making money and not providing good quality safe Kratom for people to enjoy. They will add other chemicals to make it more potent and market Kratom as a "party drug" It is very important to find these</p>

	<p>bad vendors and stop them from ruining this wonderful natural plant that many many people enjoy using for a lot of reasons. Please pass this bill and keep Kratom safe and legal.</p>
<p>Skyler DiMurro-Scheere For Self</p>	<p>I support the KCPA the state of Colorado. I was born and raised in Colorado. While I live in Arizona now, I visit Colorado many times a year. I'm a law abiding citizen, part of my community, with a successful career in software. Kratom has been an instrumental part of my life, and the lives of several of my family members who reside in Colorado. It's important to me that kratom remain legal, but that I can trust it's regulated for safety. Thank you for passing the KCPA.</p>
<p>Chris Sedgwick For Self</p>	<p>My name is Chris and I have been utilizing Kratom for over 5 years now to aide in dealing with my three anxiety disorders, depression and addiction problems. I am commenting in support for the Kratom Consumer Protection Act. I just want to add my personal story along with my support of the KCPA. I am not and never have been a Kratom vendor, only a consumer.</p> <p>I had struggled with 3 anxiety disorders(social anxiety, social phobia and generalized anxiety disorder), depression and as a result of those left untreated for years I developed a very bad addiction problem to alcohol and then later doctor prescribed benzodiazepines. I had been struggling with alcoholism for about half a decade and decided that I needed to seek treatment for the problem but I quickly discovered the medication the doctor prescribed was far more addictive and dangerous than alcohol even. After two rehab visits , a divorce, an overdose and a seizure, I eventually hit the bottom of what was the worst period in my life. Kratom helped me out of that and has continued to help keep me alcohol and benzodiazepine free for 6 years. I was also able to stop taking the antidepressant I was on. I started weight lifting and trail running 3 years ago, run my own art business and have a completely different outlook on life now, all while taking Kratom. My whole family has seen how it has effected me and they have all been supporting Kratom as well.</p> <p>I appreciate that the congress is working on a plan to make the marketplace for Kratom in Colorado safe and regulated. I know there have been some bad actors in that market, not necessarily in Colorado to my knowledge but it's good to know they will be held to account and that everything we purchase here will be tested and safe. I know countless people who's lives have been made better by Kratom and this law will help all of them as well, so thank you for debating it and hopefully working towards passing it.</p> <p>Chris Sedgwick 4/22/22</p>
<p>Christopher Deaney For Self</p>	<p>Kratom has made a huge difference in my life. I was hit by a car at 8 years old and required multiple surgeries over the years. I am 47 now and suffered a heart attack in 2011 at 36. I was limited to what I could</p>

	<p>take to manage pain. Now I use Kratom and Kratom has made such a positive impact on my life. I no longer need prescription opiates and I am able to be a better person because of Kratom. Please help make sure that safe kratom is available to people like myself who truly depend on it for a better quality of life.</p> <p>Thank You Christopher.</p>
<p>Dylan Baker For Self</p>	<p>Having the KCPA involved will insure that everyone gets a guaranteed product that is not dangerous. No deaths have ever occurred from Kratom. In my personal life Kratom has actually helped me quit opiates and alcohol. I don't do drugs OR drink anymore with the help of tapering off with Kratom. I would either be dead, homeless, or in rehab if I didn't have safe Kratom that would not harm me.</p> <p>Just like any product you want standards and guidelines and that's exactly what the KCPA will protect humans from "possible adulterated Kratom" just like evil drug dealers are directly putting fentanyl into other drugs killing them is an example of a product not being monitored for proper standards.</p> <p>KRATOM SAVED MY LIFE. I think everyone should get a chance to defeat their depression or addictions burdening them. Kratom has saved ex-addict friends of mine as well who would be dead or in prison. The Kratom Consumer Protection Act would be great and make me feel safe for myself or others.</p> <p>In general WITHOUT a doubt Kratom and the KCPA are protecting people more than ever than harming them. Kratom saved me from rock bottom addiction to alcohol and painkillers and having a protection act to test Kratom for safety/adulterants is brilliant and helps the entire public! It would be an amazing thing. Thank you for listening to me, without Kratom I would be helpless addicted, dead, or in prison and making an incredibly safe thing EVEN safer and protectant from adulterants how much better can it get? Please consider the addiction rate for narcotic pharmaceuticals and alcohol in this country and how this could help us all in a safe way.</p> <p>I stand with the Kratom Consumer Protection Act 100% - thank you taking time to listen again and I'm glad I'm here to tell this story.</p> <p>-Dylan W. Baker, KCPA advocate</p>
<p>Lynn Morey Amend Self</p>	<p>I strongly believe that KCPA is vital to help stop adulterated and unsafe products in the market. Please protect kratom consumers from unsafe products and bad vendors is so important.</p> <p>I want to take this opportunity to discuss my kratom story and the positive impact kratom has on so many people.</p>

	<p>I first learned of kratom from my nephew who has been using Kratom to wean off his opioid addiction and manage his acute and chronic anxiety. When approved drugs didn't work to take him off opioids, Kratom has been the lifeline he desperately needed.</p> <p>From my personal experience, I had chronic pain morning, noon, and night-time for 20 years. I've been to every kind of doctor there is. No matter how weird or strange it was, I did it. I never found any relief. I tried Kratom and found relief within 1 hour. It was a game changer and my pain is diminished.</p> <p>Through me and my nephew's Kratom use, we found we have not been dependent on it, it is non-addictive, and is non-toxic. It only has positive effects and has improved quality of life tremendously and saved his life!</p> <p>If I can answer any questions or address any potential concerns you may have, please reach out.</p> <p>With Respect,</p> <p>Lynn Morey thelynnmorey@gmail.com 760-420-7300</p>
Leif Sigstedt For Self	<p>I strongly think that we should pass this bill. Kratom has been an amazing tool for me and others I know in fighting PTSD and other debilitating ailments. I also know some people who are very dear to me that wouldn't be alive today if not for this plant (Kratom) due to the horrible opiate addictions they were struggling with. After finding Kratom they were able to break that vicious cycle of addiction and become healthy and productive members of our society who love their lives again and want to be all they can be. I think that we need to have a better system (like this bill) set up so that there is more accountability and safety in the seller's side of the industry as well as a declaration that we intend to continue to allow people to keep using this wonderful and sometimes highly misunderstood plant from this day forth. Also, I support any additional taxes or fees that will be necessary for this new proposed system to work properly. I support this bill in passing with all my heart. Thank you for reading this and God bless America!</p>
Matt Chandler For Self	<p>Kratom has been a lifesaver for me. During college I became addicted to oxycontin. This later led me to being addicted to heroin. I tried many times to get clean even using suboxone for one period. However I was never able to stay clean. I found kratom at one point and during one of my attempts to quit begin to use it. Kratom allowed me to be successful in quitting opiates for the first time. I now have 7 years clean and have no desire to go back. Kratom is used by many like me to quit opiates, by many that don't want to be addicted to opiates but have chronic pain. As well as by me and others who believe it helps their mental health. As it</p>

	<p>becomes more popular mainly because of the FDA's misguided attempt to ban it, more bad actors have entered the industry. I should know that the product I am receiving is safe. This has never been an issue for me because I trust my vendors but as more people become aware of it they don't know what it should be like or how it should be consumed. The Kratom Consumer Protection Act provides that protection. This is an important substance and an important act to protect it. Please support it.</p>
<p>Aaron Benton For Self</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Aaron Benton. I am a recent college graduate and a high school Social Studies teacher. I am writing in today to give my testimony on the benefits of kratom as well as the benefits of the KCPA(Kratom Consumer Protection Act). This act will help to make the consumption of kratom safer for citizens of Colorado and prevent any possible injuries caused by the consumption of tainted kratom products. I have been taking kratom for roughly five years now and it has been a life saver. I have had back and neck problems for the last seven years due to wrestling injuries. I wrestled in college at Colorado State University-Pueblo, and kratom allowed me to compete without taking prescription pain medications that are unsafe and unhealthy (not to mention banned substances at the NCAA level). I use kratom everyday so that I do not have to take pills that can cause kidney problems. Furthermore, I know petiole who have used kratom as a means to stop abusing other drugs. All of these benefits are only possible because of the businesses who take pride in having high quality products and from legislation that allows kratom to be regulated and sold safely to citizens. I believe that the passing of this legislation in Colorado will lead to more states tightening regulations as well as spread awareness and knowledge about the benefits of kratom and possible dangers of unregulated kratom. Users of kratom products should have the peace of mind that the products they are purchasing are being regulated at the highest standards. Kratom is a beneficial supplement for many different reasons, including medical and health benefits. With the passing of this bill, kratom can gain some footing in the public eye and be viewed as something more than a "legal drug" you can find at your local smoke shop next to the unregulated CBD products.</p>
<p>Germaine Lohr For Self</p>	<p>I'm 74 year old female, who, after 60 plus years of ill health, despite trying every medication available from western medicine, have begun a foray into non-conventional treatments. The use of Kratom products has reduced symptoms of many of the conditions from which I have suffered for years. But I need to be confident in the quality, ingredients, and processing methodology of any products I consume. I ask that you pass SB22-120, to ensure safe alternatives for Coloradans who "need" to foray beyond prescription medications in order to thrive.</p>
<p>Valek Tenney None Self</p>	<p>Hi thank you.</p> <p>The selection was confusing but I am against kratom being banned because it very clearly helps and is used by many well respected</p>

	<p>humans who know what they are consuming. Maybe help teens below 18 find out if they can use kratom because the problem I always had at the shop I helped sell kratom at was the kids wanted a way to get high which everybody does need a legal and safe way of expressing themselves and exploring their own minds but every instance has to be treated and questioned individually off the basis that all individuals are not the same even if they share base traits of psychology.</p> <p>Kratom has helped me during the times in my life when I wanted to replace coffe, to replace thc, and in the times I have needed a pain reliever but could not use ibuprofen or tylenol/advil- any liver damaging drugs and it is a godsend for me because I can trust I won't typically have any negative reactions.</p> <p>In my experience most negative reactions are because a beginner to the plant has never had any research or they just don't care and take too much or they get a strain that does not mesh with them or their psyche and makes them feel sick.</p> <p>One of the ways I have seen people gather information about kratom is by doing studies and asking regular people why, how, and when they use kratom, how long for, what are they personally treating because it has the same result as coffee or ibuprofen which is either to aid the person or for the person to jump start their mind or even for religious and traditional uses. Kratom has a long history of traditional responsible use by adults and young adults. This needs to be researched in order to justify a ban-my point is that a ban seems counter-intuitive/counter-productive because of the simple fact that multiple adults have been observed to take the plant and go back to work or they go back to their creative expression.</p> <p>Education and interpretation, and research and research over and over again should be the most responsible way to go and to leave kratom in the hands of anyone, like peanut butter anyone can choose not to use it if it gives them a bad reaction.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Marcelle Morfin For Self</p>	<p>I do not live in Colorado, but my family and I are considering moving to your state and also plan to visit. This bill will give me peace of mind and make it much more likely of a choice as far as a place of residence. Please see my testimony below.</p> <p>I am an Army veteran who injured my back while on active duty. I've since been diagnosed with spinal cord compression (cervical stenosis/myelopathy) along with nerve root compression</p>

	<p>(radiculopathy) and other painful health issues. The spinal cord compression was not caught early enough so it has caused some permanent damage and the nerve compression causes significant pain. I had surgery in March of 2018 in order to avoid becoming a quadriplegic and will require another surgery in the future for another problematic level of my cervical spinal cord. In the spring of 2017, I was on the edge looking down. I could not see living with the pain and limitations I was suffering from for another 10 years or more. I have lived with significant pain since 2006. The pain, along with depression and anxiety was causing me to seriously consider suicide. Just when I was about to give up, over the course of two days, I kept seeing people mention Kratom in one of my support groups. They discussed how it had helped to ease their pain. I decided to give it a try because at this point I felt I had nothing to lose. Since then I am able to be a mother, fiance, sister, and friend again. No, I am not made perfect by Kratom, but I have at least some quality of life back and no longer want to end my life. It has also helped ease my depression and anxiety and I am in better moods as a result. Kratom has changed my life for the better and allowed me enough relief from pain, anxiety, and depression to want to continue living. It has allowed me to be able to play a more active role in my life, rather than watching my life completely pass me by. Kratom has made this possible.</p> <p>Sincerely, Marcelle Morfin</p>
<p>Nate Corey For Self</p>	<p>Passing this bill is vital in regulating Kratom products and making sure they are safe and not adulterated. Kratom is a great alternative to dangerous pain meds and other opiates. It has helped me stay sober for three years now. Banning it or anything like that would just hurt the epidemic we have in this country and make it worse. It is time to pass this bill and regulate this natural plant. Thank you for keeping an open mind and learning more about this wonderful plant.</p>
<p>Nikhil Narahari For Self</p>	<p>Dear Representatives,</p> <p>I wholeheartedly thank you for your service to our wonderful state. I'm writing to tell you about the role kratom has had in my life and how important it is to me and so many others that you pass the KCPA, so we can be confident that our kratom is not adulterated with dangerous substances. So far, this burden has fallen to consumers who rely on kratom to maintain or improve their quality of life. With the passage of this legislation, we can be sure that this profoundly beneficial herbal medicine remains safe for our consumption.</p> <p>I have been taking kratom for approximately two years now and it has literally changed my life. I had been miserable due to pain from rheumatoid arthritis and auto-immune related digestive issues for years.</p>

	<p>I sought help from numerous physicians and specialists. After years of taking handfuls of pills and biweekly injections, my symptoms finally resolved after beginning a regime of taking kratom daily. This medicine is so much easier and safer to manage for pain than the narcotics and other medications I had been previously prescribed. I finally feel good again... and can be there for my work and family to contribute in the ways that are important to me and my community.</p> <p>Thank you for your representation of people like me, who want nothing more than continued safe access to safe, natural medicines so that we can live our best lives.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Nikhil Narahari</p>
<p>Kelly Goldman Against Self</p>	<p>This plant saved me from an opiate nightmare due to excruciating migraines. Kratom has added years to my life and life to my years! I would be completely devastated if it was taken away as a lifestyle choice I choose to consume daily for my health and well-being. I'm asking you to please reject the proposed ban on kratom, and please keep it legal. I support the vital need of the KCPA to help stop adulterated and unsafe products in the market. Protecting kratom consumers from unsafe products and bad vendors is so important.</p> <p>Thank you so much.</p>
<p>Cory Bennett For Self</p>	<p>The purpose of this letter is to tell of my story and to advocate for legal and safe access to kratom with the KCPA.</p> <p>In the end it is the people like me who feel the impact of kratom legislation. We are the ones with skin in the game, and our voices need to be heard.</p> <p>For decades, I have suffered from severe chronic pain. Since childhood, constant sinus pain has defined my existence. Later in life, in my early 30's, I developed chronic pelvic pain. Not only did this compound the mental impact of my sinus issues it layered on feelings of shame and emasculation.</p> <p>Now that I have finally found a cure with kratom, my life has greatly improved. For the first time in memory, I can regularly breath through my nose, and all other sinus and pelvic pain issues have been greatly reduced in severity and frequency.</p> <p>Furthermore, after a couple of years of kratom use, I report minimal side effects, and no negative impact to my professional or social lives.</p> <p>Kratom is the closest thing to a miracle cure I have ever experienced. Please hear my voice and realize it is just one of countless others like mine. We need your understanding and support so that we can continue</p>

	<p>to live our best lives. Please pass the KCPA so that people like me can have access to safe and unadulterated kratom products. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>Derek Corley For Self</p>	<p>I am passionately for the KCPA. I have been a kratom user for over a decade, and it has thoroughly changed my life for the better. I was addicted to prescription painkillers after having a couple surgeries in a row when I was in my early twenties. I took advantage of my doctor and a member of his team by swapping who I would ask for a refill. I would have gone through with trying to fill a forged prescription had it not been for a kind pharmacist.</p> <p>I turned to kratom as a way to deal with my addiction, and I am so glad I did. Kratom has kept me safe and healthy for many years, and I am very thankful for it. I have been fortunate in finding a reputable, safe, and high-quality kratom vendor upon which I can rely. I think the KCPA is essential so that people don't end up with adulterated and dangerous products sold by irresponsible vendors.</p>
<p>Shawn Sigstedt For Self</p>	<p>Hello, as a Harvard trained scientist in natural products research, and a professor of biology in botany for many years I would like to share my observations on the benefits of Kratom.</p> <p>Kratom is one of the most important beneficial remedies for people with opioid addictions.</p> <p>During the last decade, I have been made aware by many of my students that many of their friends are dying from opioid addictions, and that a high proportion of them who use Kratom are still alive, and a majority of them that did not use kratom died.</p> <p>This is extremely important for the general public to understand.</p> <p>Please legalize Kratom so that young people have an alternative to the highly addictive alternative therapies being offered by modern medicine. Kratom taxonomically is in the coffee group, and any concerns of addiction are extremely minor, and just like coffee is only mildly addictive, and yet much more research is needed as kratom has highly beneficial chemistry.</p> <p>Kratom today is a scientific breakthrough discovery and should be researched thoroughly and possibly standardized as it is a low-cost highly effective beneficial medicine especially for the myriads of young people who have been tricked into a hopeless situation and are helplessly addicted and dying.</p> <p>I'm grateful for all the people and medical professionals who are helping these young people with good science!</p>

	<p>Shawn</p> <p>Mitragyna speciosa (commonly known as kratom) is a tropical evergreen tree in the coffee family, the Rubiaceae, and is native to Southeast Asia.</p>
<p>Mark Harper For Self</p>	<p>With the crack down on opioid use due to abuse in our country it has been increasingly hard for my wife to get the medication she needs. Kratom has helped here so much it is a God send. It has helped her cut way down on harmful pharmaceutical paid meds such as Hydrocodone. She has been taking about 3 grams twice a day for over 3 years with absolutely no side effects. I also have used Kratom for paid relief on occasion Please do not criminalize Kratom. It would be a crime to do so,</p> <p>Mark and Teresa Harper</p>