



Ordinance 251028 - Please Exclude Kratom

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Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the Kansas City Council,

Thank you for your work to address public safety in our city. I support efforts to regulate genuinely high-risk and synthetic substances. However, I ask for consideration that natural kratom be removed from Ordinance 251028.

Recent federal actions in the metro area have focused on synthetic derivatives, such as 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), not traditional kratom. Treating natural kratom the same as nitrous oxide, synthetic intoxicants, or 7-OH risks unintentionally driving consumers toward unregulated sources or illicit drugs and may increase, rather than reduce, the public health risks this ordinance seeks to prevent.

Many states have adopted regulation instead of prohibition, requiring testing, labeling, and/or age limits while targeting dangerous synthetics. Kansas City should adopt a similar, more effective approach.

I urge the Council to focus the ordinance on the substances driving the most harm and avoid an overly broad ban with unintended consequences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Kansas City Resident