
Personal Impact & Accessibility

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Dear Mayor Lucas and Council Members,

My name is Keanu Carson and I am a Kansas City resident writing to express my strong opposition to Ordinance 251028, which would ban hemp-derived alkaloid products.

These products have become an essential part of my wellness routine and quality of life. For me, alkaloid products like kratom provide relief that I simply cannot find elsewhere. They allow me to manage my daily challenges, maintain my productivity, and live a more normal life - whether that's doing household chores, going to work, or spending time with my family.

What makes these products so valuable is not just their effectiveness, but their accessibility. I can purchase them locally, safely, and conveniently when I need them. This local access means I know what I'm buying, where it comes from, and that it meets quality standards. Taking away this option would force me to either go without or seek alternatives from unknown sources - neither of which is acceptable.

I am a responsible adult who uses these products safely and as intended. Banning them would not eliminate demand - it would simply push people like me into a gray market with no safety oversight, no quality control, and no recourse if something goes wrong.

I urge you to vote NO on Ordinance 251028 and instead focus on reasonable regulation that protects consumers while preserving our right to access these beneficial products.

Kansas City should be a place where residents can make informed choices about their own wellness. Please stand with your constituents and oppose this ban.

Thank you for your consideration and for listening to the voices of Kansas City residents.

Respectfully,

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