

**Mayor Quenton Lucas**

Office of the Mayor  
414 E. 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
Dear Mayor Lucas,

**Re: Concerns About the Proposed Kratom Ban**

Hello Mayor Quenton Lucas,

I'm writing as a Kansas City resident deeply concerned about the proposed kratom ban. While I understand the city's intention to protect public health, this approach misses the actual problem and conflicts with both state direction and scientific evidence.

The real danger isn't natural kratom—it's synthetic additives like 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) that manufacturers are sneaking into products mislabeled as "kratom." Missouri state agencies have specifically identified these synthetic compounds as the problem, not the natural plant itself. The FDA even conducted clinical trials last year testing kratom at 7 times normal serving sizes and found it safe and well-tolerated with no severe adverse events.

Missouri's legislature is currently working on a Kratom Consumer Protection Act that would regulate natural kratom through proper labeling, age restrictions, and testing requirements while banning the dangerous synthetic stuff. A city-level ban on all kratom would contradict this state-level approach and create confusing regulatory conflicts.

Banning natural kratom won't stop the synthetic products that are actually causing harm—it'll just push people toward unregulated markets where those dangerous products thrive. What we need is smart regulation that distinguishes between the natural botanical and synthetic derivatives, sets manufacturing standards, and gets the truly dangerous products off shelves.

I'm urging you to follow the science and align with Missouri's regulatory direction rather than implementing an outright ban that won't address the real public health threat.

Thank you for considering my input on this important issue.

Best Regards,

**Jesse Hernandez**

Kansas City resident