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Im here supporting a full ban on kratom. My perspective comes from a loss no parent should ever experience. My daughter Kielee died on March 1st 2025 of a mitragynine overdose. She was only 23. Because she was so young they had to do an investigation. After an autopsy and toxicology screen was preformed mitragynine overdose was determined to be the factor of death.

Kratom took my daughter's life and robbed the world of the light she brought into it. She trusted the word natural. Kielee used the natural kratom powder. She believed it was safe to use for pain because that is how the industry markets it. She was not using extracts or 7OH products. The leaf itself killed her. Regulations wouldn't have saved her because she was 23 and didn't buy it from a gas station.

Mitragynine and 7OH both bind to the same opioid receptors as morphine. The idea that the natural powder is harmless while only certain extracts are dangerous is not supported by what is happening in real families. Both forms take lives.

My state of Idaho reported 83 kratom involved deaths between 2020 and 2024. Bonneville County recorded six deaths in eighteen months. Four were from mitragynine alone one of was my daughter. Mitragynine overdose is what i have to read on her death certificate. These deaths mirror what other states are seeing, especially as kratom becomes more available in small shops and gas stations.

I want you to understand this because your decision will shape what families in your community face. Parents don't know what it is. Young people assume it's safe. The reality does not match the marketing.

You may hear the argument that the Kratom Consumer Protection Act is the safer middle ground. It is important to understand what the KCPA actually is. It was written and promoted by the kratom industry, not by medical or toxicology experts. Its purpose is to protect sales,

States that passed the KCPA continue to see addiction, poison center calls, emergency room visits, and kratom related deaths. The KCPA does not place real caps on potency. It does not control online sales. Local agencies have no practical way to enforce it. And banning 7OH alone is pointless because mitragynine naturally converts to 7OH once it is inside the body.

The industry is already developing new derivatives like MGM 15 and MGM 16. A full ban is the only approach that closes the loopholes and keeps this opioid acting substance out of your community.

I know bans are not easy decisions. But I also know what it feels like to stand in my daughter's empty bedroom and wonder how something sold as a "natural herb" destroyed her life. I would give anything to go back and warn her. I can't. But I can warn you.

I am asking you to put a ban on kratom so no family has to learn the same lesson through the loss of a child parent spouse or friend. Thank you for taking the time to listen and for putting the safety of your residents first.

Sincerely, Tia



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