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Eve,

Thank you for contacting the 6th district Council offices with this input. We were advised yesterday afternoon that Resolution 251028 will be held today, December 9th, in Finance, Governance and Public Safety committee. There will be no discussion on the item and testimony will not be heard. The date it will be back in committee will be announced in committee at the very beginning. Committee can be viewed on the City's YouTube channel and the 6th district Council offices will send an update to anyone that has emailed to give input.

Take Care,

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Hello,

I will be speaking tomorrow, but as I only have 2 minutes, I am also submitting two written pieces of testimony. Thank you.

N. Eve Wolf

Kratom has literally saved my life. Lyme disease will take you thru hell, and the pain is unbearable. I mean curled up in a ball, crying and moaning pain - pain where you can't function. This is every day. It's hard to live like this even when you're able to get some relief. But not having anything to help numb out that pain, to let me sleep - I'm not strong enough for that. I would have ended my life years ago.

And I know I'm not the only one. There are a lot of people who struggle with chronic pain & illness, and you probably have no idea, because we generally hide it or are homebound.

Last year I attended the Third District Conference. I was so interested and engaged, I stayed til the end. No one knew what a heroic act that was on my part; how much pain & sickness I felt when I woke up that day, or started feeling during the conference. Or that as soon as I got home, I was in bed the rest of the weekend until it was time to get up and go to work on Monday. And no one at work knew how sick and in pain I felt when I woke up every morning, or that most days after work, I went home and to bed until it was time to get up for work the next day.

I support myself. I don't know what I would do if I couldn't work, and there's no way I could work without some way to keep the pain under control. Kratom enables me to hold down a job. And to attend that conference.There are so many people in situations like mine. I know that.

After using Kratom for years, I can personally say that it's safe. I've never had any negative effects from it and I've never felt cravings for it. I used to be a light smoker. I know what those cravings feel like. You can't think about anything else until you get a damn cigarette. I've never felt that with kratom. I take it when I feel the pain building up.

I had a doctor at the KU Cancer Center tell me that a lot of his cancer patients use kratom. I think that no one can understand what it's like to live with unbearable pain unless you experience it. Taking away a safe relief from us would do irreparable harm. People would be committing suicide or resorting to the black market. I think the wise move would be to pass the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

I am asking you to go by the science. Kratom is not an opioid. It has a completely different chemical make-up and affects the body in a different way. Scientists say it's comparable to coffee in its addictiveness. And it's not deadly. It's like saying you're going to die from smoking too much weed. Sugar is more lethal than kratom. And all I can speak of is used for pain, but kratom doesn't make you high.

The only time the FDA has requested the DEA label something as a controlled substance and the DEA did their research and declined is kratom. The science doesn't justify it. The World Health Organization came to the same conclusion. The MO State Legislature passed the Kratom Consumer Protection Act a few years ago. They did this because their constituents were asking for it, and their research found it to be safe. When Gov. Parsons vetoed, it was under false pretenses. So if there was any kratom contaminated with rat poison, that's on his hands.

This is not my personal experience, but people who are addicted to opioids or alcohol can use kratom to get off of these substances and get their life back. I think that's very, very valuable. That is good for the community; good for people's lives. I don't want any one else to lose their child, or any child to lose their parent to opioids or alcohol. People have to want to make this change, but taking this option away would do harm.

I think the wise move would be to pass the Kratom Consumer Protection Act. This would require that all kratom sold in our jurisdiction be 3rd party tested for purity, and that no one under 18 could purchase it. That synthetic stuff- that's just stupid. You can take that away.