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Mayor Lucas and Members of the Kansas City Council,

As a mom, I care deeply about the health and safety of kids in Kansas City. A few days ago, I was shopping at a northland clothing store at 11 a.m. on a school day, and I saw (and smelled) young teens who were clearly high and out of sorts. It's not their fault—our unregulated “legal-ish” market is luring them out of school and down a road towards dependence.

Kratom and its derivatives, along with high-potency Delta-8, Delta-10, THC-A, and other novel products, are sold in gas stations as supplements, drinks, and candy. The FDA has warned that kratom has no approved medical use and that derivatives like 7-hydroxymitragynine act as dangerous opioids. [The Mayo Clinic calls it "unsafe and ineffective" at addressing opioid dependence](#). I work among treatment professionals and hear calls for help for Kratom dependence almost daily. (see picture below). Intoxicating THC products should be limited to state-licensed dispensaries and I am in support of the recent Federal Farm Bill provision that closed this sinister loophole. I am deeply concerned about the mixing of THC with alcohol, and being sold in our breweries which is against [Missouri's ATC laws](#).

Kansas City has an opportunity to keep these substances off store shelves with Ordinance 251028, and I genuinely applaud your strong proposal to rein in these dangerous products. Regulating this fast-moving market is incredibly difficult, which is why I support the firm, comprehensive approach in Version 1. I urge you to keep the ordinance as it stands and avoid carving out “natural leaf” kratom—because once it's exempted, it becomes nearly impossible to regulate.

Thank you, Mayor Lucas and Councilmembers Willet, Curls, and Duncan, for your leadership and for prioritizing public health.

Let's keep it strong and not water it down. The future of our kids depends on it, and getting this across the finish line matters now more than ever.

Sincerely,

Laura Bruce
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