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**Protect Kratom & Keep It Legal**

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Hello,

I am messaging you in order to stop the banning and criminalization of kratom. I have been a kratom consumer for 10 years now. During that time, I graduated college, started a career, and lived my life to the fullest. This plant has allowed me to do so despite my chronic arthritis. Please protect this plant and allow users to consume this safe product.

Also, I want to also be clear and say kratom is much different from 7-OH and other synthetic products. Natural plain kratom leaf has been shown to be safe, and it should not be lumped in with these other products. One way to keep things straight and people safe is to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act. The AKA has used this legislation in many states, and it has had great success. This safety-based approach would help citizens and make kratom accessible as well. So please, listen to the AKA and the science, and make the right choice by keeping kratom legal.

Sincerely,  
Anonymous Citizen