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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of a loved one who uses the herbal supplement, kratom. I understand a ban is being proposed. I am hoping you won't mind if I share his story.

He was in a terrible accident that left him unable to work. He was on a variety of pain medication but they basically turned him into a zombie. He was unable to work or care for his family. This went on for months until he finally found kratom.

It turned his life around. He was able to stop all the medication that was making him so drowsy and distant. He started working again, spending more time with his family. He is not "high" or intoxicated in any way when he uses kratom. He is simply himself.

There are definitely regulations that should be put in place for kratom: strict testing for adulterants and/or contamination, package warnings about proper dosing, age limits, etc. But a ban will only hurt people. Why incarcerate people for taking something that improves their lives?

I'm asking you to do the right thing here; please, please do not ban kratom.

Respectfully,
Collin