



Hello, my name is James Burris,  
I am currently an Afghanistan war veteran. I was hit with an IED and lost one leg. I've been dealing with the VA and all others just not to be in pain, live a normal life. I wanted to enjoy my life without taking all types of horrible medicines that made me sick. All the doctor would give me tons of pain pills, leaving me with horrible anxiety and pain, being in a wheelchair. I discovered kratom around ten years ago. It helped me get off pain medication. I actually have been so much better staying off prescription medication. I live a better quality of life with kratom. If this ban goes into effect, I have 3 choices because I am not going back to the doctor. I will end my life because I don't want to go back how I was highly addicted to pain pills. Especially like the last time trusting doctors. Drive to another state, West Virginia, and buy kratom and bring it back. You're going to then jail me for not wanting to cry at night due to pain. Was my sacrifice even worth it. Everyday it's a total shame what's happening. I want freedom to how I treat pain. Take that away, and it will hurt people. Not about the kids, it's about my right to pain.

