

Dear Committee members: My name is Todd Honaker, and I live in Hinton WV. I would like to express my strong support for the regulation of pure leaf kratom and keeping it legal. I have chronic pain from having broken my back TWICE, and have also degenerate disc disease. I have a lamectomy and three levels of my spine fused. I am the shipping boss for a prominent salon supply warehouse in WV, where at 47 years old I am able to still work my physically demanding job and do so without using ANY opioid pain medication, which I seriously battled with, nor alcohol. I had problems with each that pure leaf kratom cured the day I discovered it. It has given me my life back. I support banning synthetic 7oh, which is absolutely not kratom, and still lumping them together has become redundant. Kratom in its natural form saves lives and gives people an alternative to harmful substances, and an alternative treatment for chronic pain. Please vote to regulate our medicinal plant. Thank you.