

Chairman, Vice Chair, Ranking Member, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christian DeVere, and I am the Owner of Miracle Kratom, LLC, an Ohio-based small business that has operated in this state for over nine years. I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of H.B. 587.

Our company sells only natural kratom leaf products. We do not sell synthetic alkaloids, enhanced extracts, or high-potency concentrated products. We believe there is an important distinction between traditional plant material and novel, manipulated alkaloid products that have recently entered the marketplace.

For years, kratom has existed in a regulatory gray area in Ohio. Responsible businesses have operated without clear statutory guidance, while inconsistent interpretations have created uncertainty regarding labeling, consumer information, and product standards. This ambiguity does not serve consumers, regulators, or legitimate operators.

H.B. 587 provides a clear and balanced regulatory framework. It establishes age restrictions, labeling requirements, and product safety standards. It appropriately caps 7-hydroxymitragynine levels and bans concentrated synthetic alkaloids, ensuring that high-potency manipulated products cannot be marketed as traditional kratom.

This approach focuses regulatory attention where it belongs, on public safety and product integrity, rather than on prohibiting natural plant material that responsible adults have used for years.

As a business owner, I support reasonable oversight. Clear regulations strengthen the marketplace, promote transparency, and protect consumers from bad actors.

Ohio has the opportunity to move from uncertainty to clarity by adopting a measured, science-based regulatory structure. I respectfully urge the Committee to support H.B. 587.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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