

Hello,

I am a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. I respectfully urge you to support HB587 because it would prevent a full ban on natural kratom (mitragynine) and instead regulate kratom responsibly, focusing on product safety and restricting synthetic compounds like 7-OH. Natural kratom has helped me with my chronic arthritis, and I strongly oppose any ban on natural kratom.

Also, I want to also be clear and say plain leaf kratom is much different from 7-OH and other synthetic products. Natural plain kratom leaf has been shown to be safe in numerous scientific studies, and it should not be lumped in with these other products. I have linked up to date studies on plain leaf kratom's safety.

Lastly, officials at the state and national level faced the same question this year regarding banning plain leaf kratom or regulating it, and those officials decided to keep it legal and regulate the plant. This is a testament to the science that shows how safe plain leaf kratom is. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kratom Safety Studies: <https://www.americkratom.org/science>