

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I both take kratom products, but for very different reasons. I first used kratom as a cessation aid to quit deadly fentanyl-laced heroin as well as methamphetamines from the street. I have been able to stay clean for almost 8 years now thanks in large part to kratom and 7-OH, and I truly don't think I would've quit and been able to stay clean without the help of kratom and 7-OH. My wife takes kratom products as needed, including 7-OH, for chronic pain and fatigue caused by her auto-immune illness, which is Psoriatic Arthritis. She takes a biologic medication to help manage the disease, but her pain and debilitating fatigue are left unmanaged by her prescriptions. Kratom products like 7-OH have allowed my wife to participate in our life, to be a strong mother for our son, and to enjoy simple activities like walking around the park, or going to a summer barbecue; activities she would miss out on without access to kratom products. Please consider the countless lives kratom products like 7-OH positively impact. We are real people, finding real help through kratom products. Kratom's alkaloids, including 7-OH, are saving lives. It is not a coincidence that fatal opioid overdoses began to decrease for the first time in a VERY long time around the same time that 7-OH became accessible to the public. Prohibition has never worked, it only ever causes more harm, more incarceration, more suffering, more death. Sensible regulation that does not exclude the possibility for responsible use is the way to go in my opinion. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, David A