

Communication from Public

Name: Rod

Date Submitted: 10/28/2025 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a former heroin addict, Kratom saved my life from going back on opiates. I have been clean off of opiates for 15 years. This whole time I've been doing Kratom. I think it's more dangerous to outlaw this. It will create a black market and who knows if fentanyl or anything else could be put in the kratom. Also, what would stop me from ordering it from another state. So you're just gonna take the revenue out of local business owners pockets. Kratom is nothing more than a leaf that is concentrated. So you allow wax a form of concentrated marijuana or THC. Yet this leaf needs to be outlawed? I think you need to keep your priorities out of other people's businesses.

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Name: Brandon

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Comments for Public Posting: 7-OH is actively helping so many people. Kratom helps millions of people across the country let alone the globe! It helps manage pain instead of the horrible addictive opiates that big pharma companies have been shoving down our citizens throats for decades! Kratom can't be overdosed on but all the opiates the pharmaceutical companies shove down our throats kill thousands of people weekly! Not to mention the street version that people turn to when they can't get their prescription opiates anymore when doctors get their "customers" addicted and then turn them loose on the streets while withdrawing! Kratom is a natural plant weed is a natural plant you guys have weed legal so keep Kratom legal and tax it just like marijuana!!!!!!

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Name: Joseph Garnella

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in opposition of the 7OH ban being voted on, Wednesday October 29. 7OH has played a massive role in the reduction of fentanyl and opioid overdose/deaths. Banning 7OH will push thousands of people seeking safe and effective pain relief back to the black market where they will inevitably purchase fentanyl laced products and end up dying from overdose. 7OH does not cause deadly respiratory depression. Multiple research studies indicate that while intravenous injection of 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OHM) can be lethal to mice, large oral doses do not cause death. This has led researchers to conclude that, when ingested orally, 7-OHM does not appear to have an LD50 (lethal dose for 50% of the population) in mice, meaning they were "unable to be killed" by that route of administration. Millions of 7OH doses have been consumed with zero overdose deaths. The only related deaths had multiple drugs and alcohol in their system. If researchers couldn't kill mice with oral 7OH, how would humans be dying from ingesting the same substance. This points to an agenda aiming to demonize 7OH by falsely claiming it recently caused deaths in LA. 7OH has a ceiling effect which acts as a built in safe guard and limiter of how much 7OH you can take. This ceiling effect paired with 7OH being a partial agonist that doesn't cause dangerous respiratory depression, makes it incredibly safe to consume. I'm advocating for regulation and taxing of 7OH products from responsible vendors willing to provide full labs for potency and solvents. This keeps the customer safe from bad actors, while providing revenue for state. 7OH is saving lives of people suffering from opioid addiction and helping chronic pain sufferers who aren't being prescribed adequate pain medication after the over correction from the opioid epidemic.

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Name: Rachel

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone with chronic pain due to an autoimmune disease, 7oh and kratom have been incredibly therapeutic. Having access to these as supplements is crucial.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please ban these substances that are killing far too many people.

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Name: Nat H.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to provide testimony on the importance of preserving safe and reasonable access to 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), a semi-synthetic derivative related to kratom. As someone who lives with severe anxiety, chronic pain, and depression, I can personally attest to the profound positive impact 7-OH has had on my quality of life. 7-OH provides effective symptom relief without the harmful risks associated with traditional opioids. It has not been shown to cause fatal respiratory depression, and its safety profile makes it a valuable option for individuals seeking an alternative to conventional pain medications or attempting to transition away from dangerous substances such as fentanyl. I fully support reasonable regulations that ensure purity, safety, and responsible use. However, I do not agree with placing a 2% cap on 7-OH content. Arbitrary limits like this would unnecessarily restrict access for patients and individuals who rely on this compound for pain management, mental health stability, and recovery support. It is important to note that since 7-OH has become accessible, the United States has seen a significant decline in opioid-related deaths, reaching the lowest levels in over a decade. This correlation reflects the role 7-OH has played in harm reduction and public health improvement. Prohibiting or severely restricting 7-OH would endanger many people who depend on it as a safer alternative. I urge policymakers to consider the real-world benefits this compound provides to chronic pain patients, veterans with PTSD, individuals in recovery, and those managing mental health challenges. 7-OH saves lives. Reasonable regulation, not prohibition, is the path forward to ensure both safety and access for those who need it most.