

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) efforts to ban the sale of products containing kratom and the synthetic kratom compound known as 7- Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH). I am 78 years old and retired from finishing wood interiors and exterior doors. For over 10 years, I have been using Kratom in place of any other kind of pain reliever to mitigate the damage done to my back over years of physical labor. This natural leaf has been a godsend to me and people that I have shared it with who have had physical pain as well. I am 100% opposed to the product 7-OH. I believe that product gives natural leaf Kratom a bad name because of its highly addictive qualities. I know of people that have taken that adulterated product and become extremely addicted to it rapidly. I believe that product gives natural leaf Kratom a bad name because of its highly addictive qualities. I know of people that have taken that adulterated product and become extremely addicted to it rapidly. I would hate to see a ban on Kratom generally because of the addictive nature of the 7- OH product. Please consider people like me who use the natural leaf product responsibly every day in order to control pain and even a little needed energy or rest. Thank you for seriously considering all sides of this issue.