

I am a 54 year old Maryland resident and I do not Take Kratom everyday.

Over 30 years ago I was in a car accident and was hit by a driver of a panel truck who fell asleep at the wheel, put his foot on the gas, and served into the opposite lane. I am lucky to be alive. I suffered a bulging disk and Nerve damage. I have suffered from Chronic Pain since then. I can't say nothing else works for the pain, because, Morphine works, and Marijuana works. I only get morphine when I'm going to surgery for something, and I Haven't gone for medical marijuana because, I found Kratom. I spent over 2 months researching Kratom and talking to people about it before taking my first dose. I educated myself about Kratom before taking it, and I ask all of you sitting here to educate yourself about Kratom.

Kratom works. Kratom relieves the pain and allows me to move my left arm. It allows me to function on days that I wouldn't normally get out of bed. Kratom allows me to do simple things most people take for granted. It allows me to wash the dishes, to take a shower and get dressed, feed my service dog, eat dinner sitting at the table instead of lying in bed . I take my Kratom in the safety of my home, in the presence of my husband. I am safe about it. Please continue to allow me to be safe and pain free in my home. Do not take this away from us. Kratom alleviates Pain and Kratom saves lives.

If you feel you absolutely must regulate Kratom, please enact the KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT. Don't take a safe, life-saving plant away from me, and the other 6 million people who live in Maryland.

Thank you for your time - Be well.