

## ***HB0283***

**To whomever this may concern,**

My name is Shannon. I am a 25 year old mother and wife. After giving birth to my first daughter, I was diagnosed with post partum depression which led to post partum psychosis and eventually PTSD. For three years I wasn't able to work, and barely able to care for my own family. No amount of therapy or medication helped. Thanks to Kratom I was able to get my mental health under control. I am finally back to work as a teacher as well as a nursing school student. I am so grateful for this plant, but terrified that it will be banned. I need Kratom on top of medication to stay stable. Please consider what will happen to hundreds of other parents if you take away our plant.