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Kratom has saved me in so many ways. I found kratom after several years of being clean from heroin, but still struggling. My son was about 7 months old, I had been on my prescription psych meds for quite some time, and while they work, they also come with some side effects that just suck. I was taking my meds as I should, but just dragging, barely making it through the day, all while trying to care for a young child. While in that type of headspace it wasn't good for me and my mind kept wandering that if I had some opiate, any opiate I'd be able to make it through. I could do all the things that I needed to do and be a great mom, silly thing to think, I know, addiction is a monster. My sister kept telling me about kratom and how well it was working for her fibromyalgia fatigue and all that, so I decided to try it. And it was life changing. The pain I was feeling mentally as well as physically from being constantly on e was gone. I didn't get a high from it whatsoever, I've used all sorts of substances in my years and this was like nothing I had ever felt. It was clarity. Mental clarity. And I felt like I could do what I needed to do, handle my business and succeed. I still can't figure out why make this plant illegal, while it is helping so many people for many various reasons without shackling them to a lifetime of misery from hardcore "prescriptions". Opiates, even benzos, drugs of those kinds are destroying so many people. Kratom can give some parents their child back, better yet, give a child their parent back. Instead of writing the heroin addict a prescription for suboxone, or send them to the methadone clinic, this should be an option they have available to them! I also do believe there should be age restrictions on kratom. All of the shops around me you have to show your ID and must be 21 years or older. Sorry if this is all over the place. I really hope you consider being a part of something that could change so many lives forever, instead of making it illegal and leaving so many addicts, addicts like me, feeling hopeless again. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.