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I wanted to start off by saying...Please find it in your heart and look into other's claims on why not to go forward with this banning Kratom. It has helped so many people, more than you probably realize.

My husband is one, he has a very rare auto-immune and skin disease that causes him to have chronic fatigue and chronic debilitating pain in his joints and on the outer part of his skin, with this it also leads him to have major depression and anxiety. He has never done drugs, drank or ever been in trouble with the law. He is a good person who just wants to live a normal life and care for his family and our cats. There isn't a day that goes by he doesn't have pain, without Kratom he would not be able to function and help provide for his family. He tried going to Pain management for about 6 months. The medications they gave him made him severally sick and almost killed him. And NO... I am not just speaking of opioids either, but the steroids and muscle relaxers he was given. Nothing helped him that he was given by the Doctor's and he was unable to live a normal life and function without being in some type of misery every day. Between the sickness from the prescribed medications, to his normal daily chronic fatigue and pains, to the awful depression and anxieties. But we then started to search for more natural remedies to help him, and Kratom was a miracle for him all around. He is now able to get up every day, help his family, and try and live a normal life. He is even slowly working on getting his own automotive repair service shop started.

Without Kratom, he will be back in a cycle of his chronic physical pain, depression and constant anxieties and loose everything he worked hard for and is trying to be a better person for himself.

So, with that I say, Kratom is NOTHING at all like a opioid/narcotic. Anyone that does not understand or reads false claims that Kratom is dangerous or like an opioid never has seen the true and honest change in someone who lived with chronic physical conditions or mental conditions.

So please find it in your heart not to ban this plant, it won't be just my husband who will be in trouble, but so many other people. It has truly helped them be able to become a functioning person without taking prescription that causes more bad then good.

I do believe it should be regulated, and those who sell it have regulations on how they can sell it.

Thank you for reading this.