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I am a chronic pain patient with Lyme disease and have always been on opiates my whole life. From the age of 18 I was prescribed Morphine and Hydrocodone!! At one point I was taking 240 Vicodin 325/500 and 60 extended release morphine's a month!! The pain pills were not working as well, and I noticed my body was very dependent on them!! I got very sick when I would run out of them early each month, so I started buying whatever I could off the streets to get by! In 2016 my doctor without warning told me he would no longer give me my prescriptions after over a decade of using pain pills. I was basically pushed away and given a few papers for pain clinics and a suboxone/methadone clinic...with no other choice, I had to go to the Suboxone clinic!! Biggest mistake of my life!!! Suboxone didn't help my pain and made me even more dependent!!! In 2017 I heard about Kratom!! I joined a few online groups and started doing my research!!! And on January 6,2018 I decided to get away from the opiates and use Kratom to manage my pain and withdraws!!! Day one I felt ok, but not great without the Suboxone.... it gave me hope!! I can and I will do this!! Day 2 I felt a little worse but still was able to function!!!! Days 3 I was a little sweaty and my mind kept telling me I needed the subs, but I pushed thru it all!! I am now over 2 years clean of all opiates with the help of Kratom!! I am so much more active than I ever was!! Able to do things with my kids and enjoy life without being addicted to pain pills!! Please consider keeping Kratom legal so myself and others can have a good quality of life!!