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I first started taking Kratom after being on Suboxone for over 2 years following several years of prescription opioid dependency. I was tired of low energy levels, irritability and brain fog. I wanted to stop taking Suboxone but I couldn't stop my life to get through feeling sick. I transitioned to Kratom and have not looked back. I have been a responsible user of Kratom of about 2 years. I'm married with two kids and I work in I.T. Since I started taking Kratom, I've become a better person both personally and professionally. I'm a much happier person than I ever was on Suboxone. Suboxone carried all the same negative side effects of prescription opioids. I'm a happier person now because I'm a more motivated, focused and confident person than I was before. Suboxone was holding me back. Since I started taking Kratom, I've been promoted at work twice and now make 20k/year more than before. I have purchased a home and a new vehicle. I say these things not to be boastful in any way, but just to try to illustrate the impact Kratom has had in my life. It's helped me become a better version of myself.

I feel like it's important to point out what the effects of Kratom are for me. There is ZERO intoxication involved. It is a matter of a slight mood/motivation boost and an increased level of focus and energy, I would categorize its effects as a dietary supplement. It in no way resembles any "hard drugs" that I've heard it mentioned alongside in some news reports. As someone who has struggled with ADHD, I find Kratom much more beneficial than other ADHD medications. The reason I first became opioid dependent was due to herniated discs in my back. Kratom has been more effective for pain and for ADHD without the negative side effects. After having used this supplement for about 2 years and seeing how beneficial and safe it is, I find it very difficult to comprehend the possibility of it being made illegal. I hope we can trust that the government would not make that choice and would instead work to keep it available to the many have had safe and positive experiences with it in their lives.