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Written Testimony

Keep Natural Kratom Legal and Accessible

To Whom It May Concern:

Natural kratom tea/powder is completely different than 7oh and synthetic extracts, and should be treated as such. I am a hard working member of society who uses it responsibly and as intended and am afraid of what life will be like if access to it for me is banned. My family lives in MD, and runs a successful agricultural business and a home farm. We care for many farm animals, crops, and feed many other farms in our MD county, and beyond. I depend on natural kratom to relieve my chronic pain enough in order to keep our household and agricultural business running successfully. I can not take NSAIDS or pain medication and solely rely on natural kratom. I have a horrible fear what will happen to me if I can not access it anymore. I keep up with my doctor appointments, and my bloodwork is great, I am very healthy except for my pain. I am counting on you to please protect the natural product of kratom in order for me and many others to have a decent quality of life and freedom to choose how we manage our pain and health. We work very hard and do not deserve to have the natural kratom be lumped into the same category as the synthetic 7oh and other lab created products. I agree that there should be regulation on the synthetics, but the natural form should be left alone. So much misinformation is on the internet about natural kratom because it is being associated with synthetic 7oh and it is 100% wrong. Natural form is safe when used responsibly, which I do and take very seriously, because it is all I have in order to live and thrive in my family and business. Please help protect us and our livelihoods by keeping our access to the natural plant open. I have never reached out to legislature in my entire life, but this is something I absolutely had to do. We are counting on you, and our livelihoods are truly in your hands. Thank you for your time.

MD Family Farmer