



Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee

March 27, 2026

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*We urge a favorable report on SB 820 as amended. This version creates a surgical, enforceable distinction that protects natural kratom products for adult consumers while removing adulterated, improperly labeled kratom products and dangerous, synthetic 7-OH products from the market.*

### **Statement of Support**

I am writing on behalf of the American Kratom Association to express our support for **SB 820, as amended by the Senate**. We respectfully urge this Committee to issue a **favorable report**.

The amendments adopted in the Senate provide the clarity necessary to protect Maryland adults' access to natural kratom products while simultaneously protecting them from the actual threats currently in the marketplace: **adulterated products and high-potency synthetics**.

The amended Senate version of SB 820 also creates a surgical distinction between natural kratom products and dangerous, synthesized 7-OH products:

- **Elimination of Synthetic 7-OH Products:** SB 820 includes a strict cap on **7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH)** at greater than **1mg per serving**. This is a vital public safety measure as natural kratom products have 1mg or less 7-OH per serving.

### **Conclusion**

SB 820 as amended represents a balanced, common-sense approach to kratom consumer safety. It provides the state with the necessary tools to target synthetics and adulterants while preserving a transparent market for natural products. We urge the Committee to favor **Senate SB 820, as amended**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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