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**From:** jennifer weatherford <jennw0925@msn.com>  
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**To:** House Corporations Committee  
**Subject:** Please support HB7231

I'm writing you to ask that you support the KCPA and lift the ban in Rhode Island. There are so many people who could benefit from having this as an option to manage their chronic pain.

My personal kratom story:

After being diagnosed with transverse myelitis in 2005 I became a chronic pain patient. I suffered for 13 years until I found kratom in May of 2019. I have responsibly consumed it for almost 5 years and it's given me a second chance at life! It's helped me more than ANY of the prescription pain meds I've been prescribed over the years. I'm not suffering everyday I can get out of bed and be a mom! I can go to the store, I can actually live life! I still have things I will never be able to do for the rest of my life because I have Transverse Myelitis but I don't have to live every day of my life in pain anymore.

Please support HB7231 so that people will have the choice to utilize this plant when trying to manage their chronic pain. Thank you so much for your time,  
Jennifer Gillis

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