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My name is Medea Latham and my Kratom story started in February of 2017. Let me give you a little background. In January 2015 I was put in the hospital with Pneumonia. I was on continuous oxygen and continued with it after coming home. A few months later, actually Mother's Day of 2015, I was getting ready for church. I told my Mom I had the worst headache I had ever had. I went unresponsive and an ambulance was called. They were told that I had a massive brain bleed. They took me to emergency surgery. I was in a coma for about a week. I woke up to being on 4 kinds of blood pressure medicines. I am a disabled RN with 2 young adult sons. At the time, I was bedridden with Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia. I have COPD and Heart disease and Diabetes. I found out about Kratom in a Fibromyalgia support group from a couple of friends. I did a lot of research on this due to my medical background. After the first time taking it, my Mom, my caregiver asked me how I was feeling. I started crying and told her that I was pain free for the first time in many years. A little over 5 years later, I am no longer bedridden, I am the healthiest I have ever been. My Diabetes is in remission, I am no longer wearing oxygen 24° a day, my pain is still relieved with my Kratom. I still take the same amount I have always taken. I am now my Mother's caregiver. My sons have a Real Mom for the first time in their lives. I am a productive member of society again. Today June 14, 2023, 7 years after my brain bleed and surgery, I was finally taken off my blood pressure medicine by my doctor. KRATOM SAVES LIVES. Please consider supporting the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

Thank you,
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