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Subject: My kratom story, keep kratom legal, please!

I'm writing to you about kratom tea, and people trying to ban it.

I found the tea seven yrs ago, after being on opiates and other things for seventeen. I almost gave up because Drs told me I shouldn't be in pain, I was addicted, it was in my head, go to rehab (which I did), but luckily I found kratom tea. I haven't had to ask for anything from the Drs since then. After surgery, morphine didn't help, but kratom did, and I was alert as well as finally walking.

If you ban it, many will suffer. It saves lives, please fight to keep it legal. It also will not go away, you'll just be making it more dangerous. You will push out the vendors that test and have pride in the plant, to those who want the most high, who will be adding things on the black market to make it seem stronger, and you won't find them.

I'd be happy to talk to anyone that would like to know how kratom tea has changed my life, for the better. My family would too. My kids got their mom back, and my mom got her daughter back. I was never addicted to anything, I did have to do everything an addict does to get my pain control, and that's not right.

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