



KRATOM NEWSLETTER – Volume 1 Issue 3

***Are you aware the government is trying to Criminalize Kratom?***

***Do you know that 3 States already made Kratom Illegal?***

***Do you know how easy it is to help keep this plant legal?***

We've discovered that simply making our Senators aware that Kratom has many medicinal properties and is not a danger to public health, nor a danger to public safety is helping with the race to outlaw kratom and can actually keep Kratom legal!

With a recent concerted effort on the ground in Arizona by the Botanical Defense Team, as well as a flood of letters from voices just like you, we were able to get Kratom removed from a bill that was going to place it on schedule I.

1. Please join the fight to keep kratom legal by simply making yourself heard. The most effective form of communication is a letter to the Senator sponsoring a bill against Kratom. We have attached a carefully-worded letter that the Senator WILL listen to. Please personalize it as you wish, and send it via snail mail to:

Dennis M. Reboletti  
721 West Lake Street  
Suite203  
Addison, IL 62706

2, The second most effective form of communication is an email. Please send an email to following Representative:

Email: [RepReboletti@gmail.com](mailto:RepReboletti@gmail.com)

Remember to include **HB5526** as a reference with any communication.

We thank you in advance for helping to keep Kratom legal. One way these legislators can be encouraged to change their minds is by receiving a mountain of letters from the general public. Please don't think that someone else will do it; it needs to be you!

If you're then interested in continuing the fight, there are many ways to get more involved.

You can stay on top of any news related to the banning Kratom by visiting [www.botanicallegaldefense.org](http://www.botanicallegaldefense.org). Find current medical studies as well as the current bills that need to be amended or blocked.

Talk about it with your friends. Help our government to focus on the many potential benefits of Kratom before they blindly and misguidedly outlaw it. We won in Arizona; let's take the fight to the rest of the USA, and make a difference today!

*If you want a copy of this attached letter in word format, please email us*

Your Name  
Your Address  
Your City, State, Zip

Dennis M. Reboletti  
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Suite 203  
Addison, IL 60101

Dear Mr. Reboletti,

I understand that you are sponsoring **House Bill 5526**, which would make the medicinal herb, Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) and/or its constituents Mitragynine and 7-hydroxy-mitragynine, Schedule I in your state, a category reserved for dangerous, highly addictive drugs with no medical value. I implore you to make an informed decision and consider the impressive safety record and profound medicinal potential that this plant has exhibited in peer reviewed scientific research. Please re-consider placing this plant in the most severe scheduling category and consider reasonable legislation that would restrict the sale of it to responsible adults 18+ similar to what other states are already considering. The following are pertinent facts for your consideration:

- Kratom is a plant, not a synthetic chemical or a “Street Drug”
- Kratom is in the same family as the coffee tree (Rubiaceae)
- Kratom is no more habit forming than coffee
- Kratom has been safely used for thousands of years as a medicine
- No one has ever died from taking Kratom
- It is impossible to over dose on Kratom
- Tens of thousands of Americans can attest to the beneficial properties of Kratom

Current peer reviewed studies on Kratom and its 30+ constituents have shown that Kratom has tremendous medical potential. Kratom exhibits no acute toxicity<sup>i</sup>, displays powerful antioxidant and antibacterial properties<sup>ii</sup>, assists with drug and alcohol withdrawal symptoms<sup>iii</sup>, contains several oxindole alkaloids which have exhibited potent immunomodulation properties, and even contains constituents that have exhibited anti-cancer properties!<sup>iv</sup> A brief search in any scholarly database will present hundreds of peer reviewed studies and clinical trials that can attest to the medical potential of this plant.

The legislation, as it currently reads, would place Kratom and its alkaloids in the most severe scheduling category, schedule I, which would effectively make it impossible for legitimate researchers to discover and develop valuable medicines that would benefit the lives of millions. Furthermore, by placing Kratom in the Schedule I category, it would criminalize otherwise upstanding, tax paying, productive citizens in your state as drug users, who are simply benefiting from its use. This is clearly not a sensible approach to regulating this plant. The regulatory policy for this plant, should not cause more problems for society than the plant itself.

**If you insist on regulating Kratom, please regulate its sale to 18 and over. This would ensure that only responsible adults have access to this safe and mild herbal alternative and allow researchers to continue to develop valuable medicines that would benefit MILLIONS of Americans.**

Thank you for your consideration,

[ Enter your name here ]

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<sup>i</sup> S.N. Harizala, b, c, , S.M. Mansorb, , J. Hasnanc, J.K.J. Tharakana and J. Abdullaha Department of Neurosciences, School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Centre for Drug Research, Universiti Sains Malaysia Department of Pathology, School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia 2010

<sup>ii</sup> Evaluation of Antioxidant and Antibacterial Activities of Aqueous, Methanolic and Alkaloid Extracts from *Mitragyna Speciosa* (Rubiaceae Family) Leaves. Suhanya Parthasarathy, Juzaili Bin Azizi, Surash Ramanathan, , Sabariah Ismail, Sreenivasan Sasidharan, Mohd Ikram Mohd. Said and Sharif Mahsufi Mansor. Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia Institute for Research in Molecular Medicine, Malaysia Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Selangor, Malaysia 2009

<sup>iii</sup> *Fitoterapia* Volume 78, Issue 3, April 2007, Pages 182-185

<sup>iv</sup> García Prado, E., et al. "Antiproliferative effects of mitraphylline, a pentacyclic oxindole alkaloid of *Uncaria tomentosa* on human glioma and neuroblastoma cell lines." *Phytomedicine*. 2007; 14(4): 280-4.