

# MI NURSES Association

Affiliate of National Nurses United and AFL-CIO

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Re: Support of HB 4061

Dear members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee,

The Michigan Nurses Association respectfully urges your support of HB 4061, the Kratom Consumer Protection and Regulatory Act, sponsored by Rep. Lori Stone. This bill addresses the need to regulate kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*).

While further research is certainly warranted, it is appropriate at this time for state government to develop standards to protect the public. We agree that the best approach is information, education and regulation to mitigate potential harm.

Requiring a license for the distribution, sale or manufacture of kratom is integral to protecting the health and safety of consumers. Consumers deserve to know what they are buying and to make informed decisions, in collaboration with their healthcare provider, which is why the required product label and disclosure of the alkaloid content and the amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine are so important. It is also appropriate to require that consumers be 21 and older.

We believe that this bill is vital to protecting the health and safety of the public and we urge you to support it.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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