

David Mead

From: Daniele Tarana <dan_marte85@yahoo.it>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 3:41 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany;
admin@botanicallegaldefense.org
Subject: ON HB5707

VOTE NO ON HB 5707

(George Darany)

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From: JE <jempero@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 12:20 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Regarding HB5707--Please read this urgent message!

Importance: High

David Mead
Committee Clerk
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Mr. Mead,

I understand that HB5707 was introduced recently by Representative George Darany. This amendment will make the beneficial herb, Kratom (*Mitragyna Speciosa*) and/or its constituents Mitragynine and 7-hydroxy-mitragynine, Schedule 5 in the state of Michigan. As you know Schedule 5 is a category reserved for dangerous drugs; which kratom is not.

As a result, I implore that all Michigan Senators make a more informed decision regarding this plant which currently benefits many Americans, including your constituents. Please consider the impressive safety record and profound health-giving potential that this plant has exhibited in peer reviewed scientific research. Please reconsider placing this plant in this most severe scheduling category in lieu of a more reasonable approach such as restricting

the sale of it to responsible adults aged 18 and over. The state of Illinois has already done just that. Please research the following facts before continuing to sponsor this bill:

- 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 overdose on Kratom
- Tens of thousands of Americans currently use and 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, displays powerful antioxidant and antibacterial properties, assists with drug and alcohol withdrawal symptoms, contains several oxindole alkaloids which have exhibited potent immunomodulation properties, and even contains constituents that have exhibited anti-cancer properties! A brief search in any scholarly database will present hundreds of peer reviewed studies and clinical trials that can attest to the health-benefiting properties

of this plant.

If Kratom is scheduled, it would effectively make it impossible for legitimate researchers to discover and develop valuable medicines that have the potential to benefit the lives of millions of people. Furthermore, it would criminalize the activities of otherwise upstanding, taxpaying, productive Michiganders and label them as drug users for simply benefiting from the use of a natural plant. I am sure we can agree that Michigan does not have the funds to incarcerate more individuals in its already overcapacity prisons and jails. As with any regulatory policy, the law should not cause more problems for society than the issue itself; in this case, scheduling Kratom would hurt many people and benefit almost no one. Rather than scheduling Kratom, please consider more sensible legislation such as 18 and over sales. 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 will benefit many Michiganders and Americans.

Thank you for your consideration,

James Emperor
5297 Pinnacle Dr.
Wyoming, MI 49519
616-531-5633

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From: House Clerk
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Subject: FW: Vote No On HB 5707

From: agnes ptak [mailto:wakkoptako@yahoo.com]
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Agnes Ptak
Iowa City, IA

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From: House Clerk
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 2:42 PM
To: David Mead; George Darany
Subject: FW: concern over HB5707

From: Kelli Searfos [mailto:ksearfos@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:48 PM
Subject: concern over HB5707

Dear Sir or Madam,

This email is regarding HB5707, which would make the all-natural plant Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) a Schedule V substance.

Please, if you are in a position to do so —

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On the other hand, Kratom — a member of the coffee family — has been used as an analgesic for thousands of years. It is 100% natural and has helped numerous people deal with chronic pain without the need to turn to opiates. It has also allowed many people a means of relief for alcohol and opiate withdrawal symptoms, allowing them to give up their addictions successfully. Consequently, a ban on kratom will leave more people turning to opiates (or schedule I narcotics!) with no good way to avoid or recover from an addiction to such substances.

Certainly, synthetic drugs such as bath salts and “Spice” have no legitimate purpose; they are dangerous and belong on Schedule I. Kratom, however, is not synthetic, and has been the subject of numerous scientific and peer-reviewed studies which suggest it is a promising solution for many pain sufferers, as well as those suffering from mood disorders such as anxiety and depression (without the numerous side-effects common from SSRIs and similar pharmaceutical solutions). Kratom has also been used in Thai culture for many years, generally being made into a tea like many other herbs. There is simply no evidence that it belongs on Schedule V.

Kratom advocates, including Botanical Legal Defense (BLD), suggest an amendment to potential bans such as HB5707 which would restrict Kratom sales to adults aged 18 and older, and in fact support strict prohibition of dangerous, synthetic drugs which have no legitimate medicinal purpose.

Other states have faced similar bills previously, and have recognized kratom's potential benefit for their citizens after hearing from the community and getting a better understanding of this amazing plant. For example:

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Kelli Searfos,
Concerned Citizen of the United States of America

David Mead

From: House Clerk
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 2:43 PM
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Allen Alstadt
Klamath Falls, Oregon

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To: George Darany; David Mead
Subject: FW: Kratom

From: larry [mailto:lwatt2@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:44 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: Kratom

This is a wonderful plant that has helped my son detox from opiates. It mildly stimulating like coffee, That's it. It's just plain silly to ban this plant. Governments are such hypocrites allowing a harmful product like alcohol while going after Kratom.

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To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany

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Hello,

My name is Gregory DeMaria and I am a licensed medical professional, EMT and RN studying to become a nurse anesthetist. I am also an herbalist and suffer from severe chronic pain. I take Kratom for that pain and in my experience it is extremely effective, and extremely safe. If you vote to ban or schedule this plant your decision could cascade to other states such as mine (Florida) and I would be without an effective pain relief option. Without Kratom I would be forced to take toxic doses of NSAIDs such as Aspirin or Tylenol and would suffer from a litany of medical problems, if not NSAIDs I would be forced to be prescribed dangerous opioid drugs which are not effective over long periods of time and are quite addictive. KRATOM IS NOT DANGEROUS, DO NOT TAKE MY MEDICINE AWAY, IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT MY LIFE, MY CAREER, AND MY FAMILY. Read on for more support in favor of Kratom...

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Gregory DeMaria RN

David Mead

From: Greg DeMaria <greg.demaria@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 5:24 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany
Subject: VOTE NO ON HB5707 (George Darany)

Hello,

My name is Gregory DeMaria and I am a licensed medical professional, EMT and RN studying to become a nurse anesthetist. I am also an herbalist and suffer from severe chronic pain. I take Kratom for that pain and in my experience it is extremely effective, and extremely safe. If you vote to ban or schedule this plant your decision could cascade to other states such as mine (Florida) and I would be without an effective pain relief option. Without Kratom I would be forced to take toxic doses of NSAIDs such as Aspirin or Tylenol and would suffer from a litany of medical problems, if not NSAIDs I would be forced to be prescribed dangerous opioid drugs which are not effective over long periods of time and are quite addictive. KRATOM IS NOT DANGEROUS, DO NOT TAKE MY MEDICINE AWAY, IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT MY LIFE, MY CAREER, AND MY FAMILY. Read on for more support in favor of Kratom...

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bertrichardson1@yahoo.com

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From: ghirl B <ghirltheresa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 5:27 PM
To: David Mead

Please do not ban Kratom it has changed many peoples lives for the better. This is a well known natural herb that has been known to wean people off heroin. It has also assisted many people with illnesses like multiple sclerosis and other illnesses. The doctors pills are killing people. Kratom doesn't kill. How can this be happening?

Theresa
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From: Zisis Haritos <haritosz@yahoo.com>
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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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From: Chris <cwilliams2840@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:08 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Kratom

Please do not ban this plant. You would be doing your constituents a great disservice. I urge you to research this plant before any action.

Thank You

Chris Williams

Locust Grove Ga

Sent on a Boost Samsung Galaxy S7c III

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From: Amellia Hesse <amelliahesse@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:09 PM
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To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany
Subject: NO KRATOM BAN

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Richardson, TX

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Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:20 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Kratom

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From: Chris Deoudes <deoudes5952@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:33 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany
Subject: Please Vote NO On HB 5707 (George Darany)

Dear Sirs,

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It has a specific medical purpose that so many people (including myself) have benefited from.

It has allowed people to live a functional, semi pain-free life without the dependency on powerful long-term destructive prescription narcotics.

It is a mild, natural pain reliever. It's one of the only ones that works.

It is not a synthetic or recreational drug.

I humbly ask you to vote "No," on the HB 5707 that purposes to restrict use of this compound.

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Christopher Deoudes
239-287-9392
Boise, ID. 83704

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From: sanskritom <sanskritom@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:39 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Kratom

I knew years of bad health because of medications that were prescribed for chronic, severe pain. Also, because the pain was chronic I inevitably became addicted to these prescribed medications. Medications like Percocette, Methadone, Codeine, Demerol, and the list goes on. The point is I know what addiction is and what it looks like.

I got off the pain medications to save my life back in 2011. This was a life saver, but the problem was I was still in terrible pain. That is when I read about Kratom-Mitragyna Speciosa (in the coffee family) and its pain relieving abilities. I was skeptical, but long story short, it has been better than I ever could have imagined. I take a bit in the morning once a day, and never crave to do it more than that. There is no significant tolerance, and it helps the pain and gives me a sense of well being as well. I suspect that it is this feeling that some call a high. If the effect one gets from coffee is a high, then yes, it can induce this kind of high. But there isn't a danger of death from overdose; it only gets you to a certain level of "feel good." It will not cause someone to fall asleep at the wheel, it does not create drug seeking behavior.

I believe it should be regulated for minors, but an adult, especially one in pain, should have free access to this miracle of an herb. No kidding, if you are ever in significant pain, I suggest you acquire some, and try it for yourself! You will never need narcotics for pain again! At least with mild to moderate pain. Rather than get doped up and have your alertness decreased, you will most likely have a good energy level, your mood lifted, and find you can function pretty well. In Indonesia, there are little shops, like coffee shops here, where coffee is sold with Kratom.

The only ones that should be threatened by this medicinal herb are the pharmaceutical companies whose market for narcotic pain meds, will be threatened by this very effective, and much less dangerous, plant that not only helps with pain, but depression as well.

I truly hope you protect the right of the citizens you represent, to this safe, and effective, miracle of nature, to manage their pain as I do every day now, safely, for about two years now. I would never advocate something that could potentially harm my own son!

All the best. Allan T Dinegar

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy S4 III

David Mead

From: larry <lwatt2@rochester.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:45 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Kratom

This is a wonderful plant that has helped my son detox from opiates. It mildly stimulating like coffee, That's it. It's just plain silly to ban this plant. Governments are such hypocrites allowing a harmful product like alcohol while going after Kratom.

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Laurence Watt



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David Mead

From: Adam Parker <adam4396@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:53 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Kratom

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Please do what you can to keep kratom legal.

Adam Parker
Easthampton, ma

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From: Timothy Bradley <timothybradleyunited@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:58 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead
Subject: Concerned United States Citizens - vote NO on HB5707

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Timothy Bradley
Sarasota, FL

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Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:05 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Proposal to ban Kratom

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Allen Alstadt
Klamath Falls, Oregon

David Mead

From: Kelli Searfos <ksearfos@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:49 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: concern over HB 5707

Dear Sir or Madam,

This email is regarding HB5707, which would make the all-natural plant Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) a Schedule V substance.

Please, if you are in a position to do so —

VOTE NO ON HB 5707!

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On the other hand, Kratom — a member of the coffee family — has been used as an analgesic for thousands of years. It is 100% natural and has helped numerous people deal with chronic pain without the need to turn to opiates. It has also allowed many people a means of relief for alcohol and opiate withdrawal symptoms, allowing them to give up their addictions successfully. Consequently, a ban on kratom will leave more people turning to opiates (or schedule I narcotics!) with no good way to avoid or recover from an addiction to such substances.

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Other states have faced similar bills previously, and have recognized kratom's potential benefit for their citizens after hearing from the community and getting a better understanding of this amazing plant. For example:

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Kelli Searfos,
Concerned Citizen of the United States of America

David Mead

From: Marc Grierer <marcgrierer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 9:48 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead; Rep. George T. Darany
Subject: VOTE NO ON HB 5707 (George Darany)

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Marc Griefer
Marietta, GA

David Mead

From: Rupert Dietch <dietchrupert@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 4:53 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: No to kratom bill

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Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 6:24 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: A concerned citizen of the United States.

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Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 7:00 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany
Cc: admin@botanicallegaldefense.org
Subject: Keep Kratom Legal For Adults

Hello,

I am writing to express my disappointment with the recently introduced House Bill 5707 that will make kratom a schedule V substance. I would venture to say that none of you have spent more than a few minutes researching kratom. If you would have, you would quickly learn that there are no proven long term health consequences associated with kratom use. None of you have ever used kratom, so you wouldn't know that it's far milder and less dangerous than alcohol and marijuana.

If this Bill passes, my wife and I, both young urban professionals who hold master's degrees, who work 60+ hours a week, will be considering finding a different state to live in.

As someone who identifies with the religious right, I can assure you the opposition to this Bill comes from a variety of sources.

I lived in Dearborn for over 20 years and was educated in its school system. As such, I know hundreds of people who still live in the area. I will be encouraging everyone I know to not vote or support Mr. Darany if this bill passes.

-John Lehman, Sterling Heights, MI

David Mead

From: House Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:53 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: FW: VOTE NO ON HB5707 (George Darany)

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Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 5:24 PM
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Hello,

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Signed,

Gregory DeMaria RN

David Mead

From: House Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:54 PM
To: David Mead; George Darany
Subject: FW:

From: ghirl B [mailto:ghirltheresa@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 5:25 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject:

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Theresa
Corby
Northants

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From: House Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:54 PM
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Subject: FW: VOTE NO ON HB 5707 (George Darany)

From: Chris Page [mailto:thatissandwas@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 5:29 PM
To: House Clerk; Rep. George T. Darany
Subject: VOTE NO ON HB 5707 (George Darany)

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Christopher Page
A concerned US Citizen

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Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:55 PM
To: David Mead; George Darany
Subject: FW: Kratom and HB 5707

From: Zisis Haritos [mailto:haritosz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 5:41 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: RE: Kratom and HB 5707

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

From: Zisis Haritos <haritosz@yahoo.com>;
To: clerk@house.mi.gov <clerk@house.mi.gov>;
Subject: Kratom and HB507
Sent: Wed, Jul 23, 2014 9:35:33 PM

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Concerned citizen of the USA

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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From: House Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:57 PM
To: David Mead; George Darany
Subject: RE: Kratom

From: Keith Miller [mailto:ruskin@chantiques.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:20 PM
To: House Clerk
Subject: Kratom

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From: House Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:58 PM
To: George Darany; David Mead
Subject: FW: No on kratom bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Rupert Dietch [mailto:dietchrupert@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 4:52 PM
To: House Clerk
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David Mead

From: Jake O'Callaghan <iamjakeocallaghan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 6:30 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Kratom

Kratom has helped me and family members deal with pain and improved our quality of life with almost no side effects. Please keep it legal.

A concerned citizen

David Mead

From: Okulus Anomali <flytrapmedia@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 9:06 PM
To: House Clerk; David Mead; Business Office; Rep. George T. Darany
Subject: NO ON HB 5707 (Keep Kratom Legal to Adults 18 and older)

Hello,

Please reconsider scheduling Kratom. Kratom is a beneficial botanical that has been part of human history for time immemorial.

Please don't take this wonderful, mild and harmless herbal from the people. It's 1000 times safer than alcohol. of course tobacco and even tylenol (from which many die annually). There has not been a single death from kratom ingestion alone.

Kratom helps countless individuals with chronic fatigue, depression, pain, narcolepsy and many other disorders. Leave us (the people) with the freedom of choice to use mild and harmless herbs...especially if we're the "land of the free"!! Thanks!!!

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David Mead

From: nicholas pospishil <nicholas.pospishil@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2014 8:20 PM
To: House Clerk; Rep. George T. Darany; David Mead; Business Office
Subject: Kratom regulations

Do not make kratom, mitragyna speciosa, a schedule 5 drug. Please regulate it for 18 years and older like other states have recently done.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Pospishil

954-655-6902

David Mead

From: Brian Hodge <bmhodge@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:55 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: HB 5707

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Thank you for your time and for your support in this matter.

Brian Hodge

David Mead

From: Rich.willsey <rich.willsey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 9:53 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Keep Kratom Legal

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