
AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION

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A Step in the Right Direction in Wisconsin

The American Kratom Association applauds the Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board for taking the first step toward removing the state's Schedule I classification of kratom

Madison, WI – The American Kratom Association (AKA), a consumer based nonprofit formed in an effort to protect and support the right of all Americans to use the plant kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*), is pleased the Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board (WCSB) took the first step toward removing the state's Schedule I classification of kratom's primary alkaloids.

Board members acknowledged the many benefits natural-botanical kratom has provided Wisconsinites, as well as questioned why it was scheduled in the first place, since in their evaluation kratom doesn't meet the state's criteria to be scheduled.

Today, the WCSB initiated further examination of why the primary alkaloids were scheduled to begin with and what the regulatory and/or legislative process will require to remove kratom's Schedule I classification in the state. The WCSB is scheduled to meet early next year to discuss their initial findings in these two areas to determine next steps.

"Kratom is a safe, natural botanical helping millions of responsible consumers across America like me suffering from chronic and debilitating illness. Today it was clear the WCSB recognized that," said Susan Ash, Director of the AKA and Lyme disease sufferer. "The Board's decision today is a significant step in the right direction. The AKA and our members look forward to continuing to work with the WCSB as the state moves toward making the right decision, ultimately removing kratom's Schedule I classification, either through the WCSB or the legislature."

"Regulators are supposed to do what's in the best interest of the public and today the WCSB did just that in taking a major step toward reversing the state's mistake made in scheduling Kratom," added Kerry Biggs, native of Milwaukee and AKA member. "It's exciting to know that my state is on the regulatory road to getting kratom back on shelves for people like me that have found it to be a true life saver."

About the American Kratom Association

The American Kratom Association (AKA) was founded in 2014 to protect the right of all Americans to use the natural botanical kratom for the purposes of improved health and wellbeing. We do not manufacture or profit from sales of the plant. Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) is a natural analgesic used for hundreds of years to safely reduce pain, combat fatigue and help with the effects of anxiety and depression. Unfortunately, the spread of misinformation about kratom (both scientific and anecdotal) has created a challenging regulatory environment. The AKA was formed to advocate for the potentially millions of Americans who use the plant medicinally, educate lawmakers and regulators, fund scientific

research and provide the general public with clarification surrounding matters of health and wellness, particularly where kratom could play an important role.

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