



Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr, Chairman
House Committee on Corporations
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H5565 – LETTER OF SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Members of the House Corporations Committee,

We are the Global Kratom Coalition, an alliance of consumers, experts, and industry leaders seeking to enact regulations to ensure consumers have access to safe and regulated kratom products. Our mission is to advance scientific research, encourage consumer education, and serve as a resource for key stakeholders and decision makers in legislative and regulatory matters.

Regarding H5565, we support the Committee's interest in regulating the sale of kratom and urge them to pass legislation that will enable the existence of a safe, well-regulated kratom market. However, as written, we have a few concerns with the proposal. With this in mind, we'd like to share some proposed amendments which we have provided and explained below.

Sincerely,

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GKC Suggested Amendments

- On Page 3. Section 21-28.12-3 (3), lines 15-16
 - ~~(3) A kratom product that contains a substance other than a non-psychoactive substance necessary for the preparation, processing, or manufacturing of said product.~~
 - Strike this language. Subpoint (2) under 21-28.12-3 already protects against substances that are injurious to consumers. Prohibiting psychoactive substances is far too broad as innocuous psychoactive substances, like sugar or caffeine, cacao powder and many other widely used substances that are often found in dietary supplements.



- On Page 4. Section 21-28.12-3 (12), (v) lines 15-17
 - (v) The following statement: “These statements have not been evaluated by the ~~United States~~ Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.”
 - Strike the words “united states”
 - The actual federal labeling standard doesn’t include the word “united states”