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Subject: FW: Broward County - Ordinance on Kratom - Tuesday, October 28th

[Letter from a concerned parent](#)

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Subject: Re: Broward County - Ordinance on Kratom - Tuesday, October 28th

I am writing as a concerned parent and citizen regarding the use of Kratom and its addictive quality. My daughter who had a opiate addiction was free of her addiction for over 6 years was invited to coffee with a friend who said he found Kratom to be a relaxing drink to relieve stress. She has been a working responsible person who didn't miss work during these sober years, worked out daily as a body builder and competed in her sport competitively and by all accounts looked healthy and happy. I received a call from her one night recently asking for help; she realized after drinking Kratom for a period of time she was unable to stop. She experienced withdrawals very much like her withdrawal from opiates. She knew she could not do this alone and was concerned knowing she was in trouble reached out for help. She was admitted for a 7 day detox from opiates. She made it look different. When in detox everyone wanted to know what her addiction was because she didn't look like they did, but just as sick with the same withdrawal symptoms. She is back home and doing outpt intensive treatment attending meetings and working with her sponsor. Those who sell this say they have people who swear it has helped them overcome their addictions, drinking, drugging etc have only traded one addiction for another. Let them try stopping this for 24 hours and see. This is a very real and dangerous herb outlawed in the very countries it is grown in. Please help ban this in its early stages of awareness to the public before it becomes another epidemic that plaques society young and old.

Our young people need our protection at all costs, now and in the future.

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