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Clerk of the Board, attention Ms. Abrams

Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Lake Pleasant, New York

Re: Kratom item, Human Services Committee agenda of August 25, 2026

SENT AUGUST 24, 2026

Dear Ms. Abrams,

I am writing about the kratom item on the Human Services Committee agenda for Tuesday, August 25. Could you please share it with Supervisor Parascandola and the members of the committee? I have copied Chairman Arsenault. If written comment can be included with the meeting materials or noted in the record, I would appreciate that.

I own Hudson Valley Botanicals, a kratom company in Poughkeepsie operating since 2017. I have a commercial interest in how counties handle this, and I would rather say so up front.

One point for the committee's consideration. The products driving concern nationally are concentrated and semi-synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) products, sold at concentrations the plant does not produce. That is the line the DEA drew in July when it moved to schedule those compounds, and the line the State Legislature drew in June when S8925-A passed both houses unanimously and went to the Governor. Two New York counties have now written local laws on that basis rather than prohibiting the plant outright: Dutchess adopted Resolution 2026136 unanimously on August 10, and Suffolk chose a regulatory framework in July. A one-page summary of the Dutchess measure is attached along with its filed text; it was drafted by their county law department and can be adapted.

I am not writing to ask the committee for anything at this meeting. I only wanted the threshold approach in front of the members alongside the Director's presentation.

I am glad to answer questions, and I can send more detail if it would be useful.

Respectfully,

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Attachments: Dutchess County Resolution 2026136 reference sheet; filed text of Resolution 2026136.

FOLLOW-UP SENT AFTER THE AUGUST 25 MEETING

Dear Ms. Abrams,

I wrote on August 24 regarding the kratom item on the Human Services Committee agenda for August 25, and I am following up.

Did the committee reach any direction on that item, and is it expected to come before the full Board on September 3? If the county does move toward drafting a local law, I would appreciate knowing so that I can submit written comment at the appropriate time.

Are the committee minutes posted anywhere online? I found Board of Supervisors minutes under Current Government Documents but no current page for committee minutes. If it is easier to send them along once they are available, that would be welcome, and I am glad to submit a formal records request instead if that is the more usual route.

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully,

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