



HUDSON VALLEY BOTANICALS

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**Mr. Don Handerhan, Village Clerk
for the Mayor and Board of Trustees**

Village of Menands

280 Broadway, Menands, New York 12204

Re: Comment in support of Local Law No. 7 of 2026, for the September 21 public hearing.

Dear Mr. Handerhan,

Please enter this comment in the record for the September 21 public hearing on Local Law No. 7 of 2026 and share it with the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

I own Hudson Valley Botanicals, a kratom company in Poughkeepsie that has operated since 2017. I do not live in Menands, and I have a commercial interest in this law.

I support Local Law No. 7 as drafted. It prohibits synthetic and concentrated 7-OH products and, in § 139-4, keeps naturally occurring kratom that complies with New York law available to adults. That is the line Dutchess County drew in the law it adopted August 10, and the line in S8925-A, which passed the State Senate 61 to 0 and the Assembly 132 to 0 in June. I would ask the Board to keep § 139-4 as written.

One technical point for the Village Attorney. § 139-3(C)(1) measures 7-OH as a percentage of product weight. Concentrated 7-OH is often sold diluted into gummies, drinks, and tablets, so a product can fall below two percent of total weight while its alkaloid content is almost entirely 7-OH. S8925-A and Dutchess County instead measure 7-OH as a share of total alkaloid content and add a limit of 1 mg per serving, and Albany County's order uses the same per-serving limit. The other prongs of § 139-3 may reach those products, but a numeric measure that matches the state standard is easier to apply, and adopting it, or adding the per-serving limit, would close the gap without touching § 139-4.

One housekeeping note: the posted hearing notice still carries a July 20 written-comment date and a blank hearing date, which look carried over from an earlier notice.

The filed Dutchess text is enclosed for reference.

Respectfully, Scott Urbin | Owner, Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC | Poughkeepsie, NY

Enclosure: Dutchess County Resolution 2026136, filed text