



HUDSON VALLEY BOTANICALS

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Members of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

c/o Therese M. Connolly, Clerk of the Board

40 McMaster Street

Ballston Spa, New York 12020

Re: Comment on Introductory No. 6, Print No. 1 of 2026, for the October 14 public hearing.

To the Clerk of the Board: please enter this as written public comment on Introductory No. 6, Print No. 1 of 2026, for the public hearing on this law, and circulate it to all members of the Board of Supervisors.

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I own Hudson Valley Botanicals, a kratom company in Poughkeepsie that has operated since 2017 and sells to customers and retailers across New York, including in Saratoga County. I do not live in your county, and I have a commercial interest in this law.

Resolution 257 on the Board's September 15 agenda introduces Introductory No. 6 and sets a public hearing for October 14. My request is that the law be amended before adoption to prohibit concentrated and synthetic 7-OH products rather than natural kratom leaf.

Dutchess County acted, but not by banning kratom. At the September 1 Public Safety Committee meeting, Dutchess was listed among the counties that have acted against kratom. Its Resolution 2026136, adopted August 10, prohibits only products above 2 percent 7-OH of total alkaloids or 1 mg per serving and leaves natural leaf available to adults. Ulster County has proposed the same thresholds, and the Village of Menands, inside Albany County, has introduced a threshold law of its own.

New York already regulates retail kratom. Resolution 257 describes kratom as sold without regulation and often without adequate consumer warnings. State law now prohibits sales to anyone under 21 and requires warning labels, and in June the State Legislature passed S8925-A, which sets the same thresholds Dutchess adopted. The DEA drew the same line in July, moving to schedule concentrated 7-OH and named synthetic derivatives with thresholds set so natural leaf falls outside the order.

There is time to make the change. The Public Safety Committee meets again October 6. Suffolk County's bill was introduced as a full ban, went through a public hearing in June, and was adopted in July in a form that stopped short of a full ban. A threshold version keeps every enforcement tool in the draft and points them at the products driving the concern.

The filed Dutchess text is enclosed, and I am glad to answer questions in writing.

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

Enclosure: Dutchess County Resolution 2026136, filed text