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LETTER TO REP. PAT RYAN | 7-OH LIMITS, NOT A BAN ON THE PLANT

From Scott Urbin, owner, Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC, to U.S. Representative Pat Ryan, New York's 18th District | October 22, 2026

Dear Representative Ryan:

I own Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC in Poughkeepsie, a one-person kratom business established in 2017, so I have a business interest in this issue. I sell leaf powder and capsules only, with no 7-OH products and no extracts.

I understand Rep. Andy Harris of Maryland is asking other congressional offices to co-sign a letter seeking federal restrictions on botanical kratom itself, not just concentrated 7-OH. I ask you not to sign it.

The federal agencies are drawing the line at concentrated products instead. On October 9, HHS announced recommended limits on 7-OH and a related compound. HHS said the recommendation is designed to “target concentrated or chemically altered products while distinguishing them from natural botanical kratom products.” DEA’s October 14 notice adopts those limits.

New York is drawing the same line. The Legislature passed its own 7-OH limit in June, S8925-A, with no votes against it in either house. Dutchess County adopted the same limits this year in Local Law No. 6 of 2026, and on October 20 the Ulster County Legislature voted 23 to 0 to urge the Governor to sign S8925-A.

Please support limits like these instead of a ban on the plant.

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