



HUDSON VALLEY BOTANICALS

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WRITTEN COMMENT | VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY PROPOSED KRATOM LAW

For the record of the Board of Trustees' public hearing | Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 6:30 p.m. | Montgomery Senior Center

Dear Mayor Hembury and Members of the Board of Trustees,

I own Hudson Valley Botanicals, a kratom company in Dutchess County. I don't live in the village, and I have a financial interest in this law.

My September 23 letter asks you to aim the law at concentrated and synthetic 7-OH, using the limits the State Legislature passed unanimously in June, and encloses two county laws your attorney can adapt. I want to add a few points.

Kratom leaf isn't risk-free, and New York already regulates it: sales to anyone under 21 are prohibited, and warning labels become mandatory in December. I support both.

A ban on the leaf closes the local shops the village can inspect, while the concentrated products keep arriving by mail. A 7-OH limit can be checked with a lab certificate wherever products are sold.

My own products are natural leaf only. Every batch is tested by an independent lab, with the results published, and I stop shipping anywhere these products are banned.

Please write this law to target the concentrated and synthetic products and leave natural leaf legal for adults.

Respectfully,

Scott Urbin

Owner, Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC