



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 11:37 PM</b>
<b>THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.</b>			

**I am in Full Support of this Bill and getting the Kratom Products Industry to clean-up their act by disclosing all ingredients and related Consumer Disclosures. This is the Right-Thing to do for the Public and Consumer Protections!**



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>CRAIG KATZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-778-8444</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CBD KRATOM</b>		TITLE: <b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MGR.</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>12400 OLIVE BLVD.</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63141</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 12:00 AM</b>	
<b>THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.</b>			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>CURT BRAMBLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>801-376-8297</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOC.</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>3663 N 870 E</b>			
CITY: <b>PROVO</b>		STATE: <b>UT</b>	ZIP: <b>84604</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 12:00 AM</b>	

**THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.**



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>EAPEN THAMPY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-673-5351</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>AMERICAN SHAMAN</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64111</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 12:00 AM</b>	
<b>THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.</b>			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL AROMANDO</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>636-696-5601</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>72 WHOLESALE</b>		TITLE: <b>SALES; MARKETING</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>2505 METRO BLVD STE I</b>			
CITY: <b>MARYLAND HEIGHTS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63043</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 12:00 AM</b>	

**THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.**



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>TODD UNDERWOOD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>913-713-1483</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>TNT MANUFACTURING, LLC DBA MITWELLNESS</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>410 S. LIBERTY STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>INDEPENDENCE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64050</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 12:00 AM</b>	

**THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.**



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>WALKER GALLMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>706-270-2317</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>GLOBAL KRATOM COALITION</b>		TITLE: <b>LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>9005 TENNGA LN</b>			
CITY: <b>CHATTANOOGA</b>		STATE: <b>TN</b>	ZIP: <b>37421</b>
EMAIL: <b>wgallman@globalkratomcoalition.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/24/2025 10:34 AM</b>

**THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.**

GKC Testimony In Support of HB 1037My name is Walker Gallman. I am the Legislative Director of the Global Kratom Coalition, analliance of consumers, experts, and industry leaders seeking enact regulations to ensure consumers have access to safe and regulated kratom products. I, and members of the Global Kratom Coalition, urge the Committee to support HB 1037 which would regulate Missouri's kratom market by limiting the amount of 7-hydroxymitragynine in any product (whether called kratom or not) to 2% or less of the total alkaloid composition, aligning with the natural levels found in dried kratom leaves. We support the proposed limit as it serves as an important guardrail for the industry that will help protect consumers by preventing the further proliferation of high potency 7-hydroxymitragynine products, also known as "7". To be perfectly clear, these high potency 7-Hydroxymitragynine products are unapproved new drugs masquerading as dietary supplements. Look at the marketing for any of these products and you will most certainly see claims about the product's ability to treat chronic pain and opioid addiction. These claims are unproven and not backed by science.We completely agree that legislative action needs to be taken on this matter and believe this bill is an excellent first step towards regulating kratom in the state of Missouri. However, in future legislation, we urge the Committee to strengthen kratom regulations by implementing laws that establish age limits, good manufacturing practices, serving size guidelines, prohibitions on marketing to children, and clear product labeling. The Global Kratom Coalition views these measures as critical to maintaining a safe and trustworthy market for consumers. In conclusion, we, the Global Kratom Coalition, urge the Legislature to adopt HB 1037 and use this proposal as the foundation upon which further regulation can be built on. Again, I thank the Committee for their attention to this important matter. Best regards,Walker GallmanLegislative DirectorGlobal Kratom Coalition



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1037</b>		DATE: <b>2/24/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Emerging Issues</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>TIMOTHY FABER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>tfaber@mobaptist.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/22/2025 4:53 PM</b>
<b>THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.</b>			

While I understand the desire of the state to regulate Kratom, I am not convinced this bill is the best way to do that. First, kratom could be regulated since it is being used by many for “medicinal” purpose when in fact it hasn’t been shown to be safe or to treat any medical conditions. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has warned people not to use kratom because of possible harm it can cause. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration calls kratom a drug of concern. It may also deserve regulation because it has known side effects, including • Weight loss. • Dry mouth. • Nausea and vomiting. • Constipation. • Liver damage. • Muscle pain. • High blood pressure. Kratom also affects the mind and nervous system. • Dizziness. • Drowsiness. • Smells, tastes, sights, touches or sounds that seem real but aren’t, called hallucinations. • False beliefs, called delusions. • Depression. • Trouble breathing. • Confusion, tremors and seizures. However, I have issues with this particular bill, which if addressed / corrected would, I think, more effectively accomplish the goal.... The first problem I see is in Section 196.1170, paragraph 3 (lines 11-14). Why just throw away all local ordinances that may exist regarding Kratom? Has anyone taken the time to see what local ordinances may be out there? Perhaps some of them are better than this proposal. I understand the value of uniformity across the state, but at the same time, what makes anyone think the state automatically has a better idea? That is the same attitude that causes federal government to automatically think they know better than the states. I suggest a thorough review of existing laws and ordinances from all other political subdivisions in the state, and then crafting a bill that uses the best of those laws already in existence. Work with the people, don’t ignore their previous work on the issue. My other issue is with the last paragraph on p2. While it is reasonable to exempt from prosecution if they are relying in good faith upon a representation of the supplier, what are the repercussions for the supplier (manufacturer, processor, distributor, etc)? If the state has no way of prosecuting those suppliers who violate this statute, then the whole thing is pointless. Give it some teeth...