



## **Kratom Advocates Reach Out To Congress**

Hundreds of “Kratom Warriors” Educated  
Congressional Leaders Coast to Coast

**Washington, D.C.—October 29, 2018—** The American Kratom Association (AKA) sponsored “Save Kratom Day,” Friday, October 19, working with hundreds of Kratom advocates from across the United States to visit the local offices of their federal legislators in an effort to educate and provide correct, as well as helpful, information regarding the safe botanical that millions of Americans depend on for their health and well-being.

State to state, citizen lobbyists visited their congressional leaders in an effort that began several weeks earlier, when AKA encouraged volunteers to let their voices be heard. In the days and weeks following the launch of the outreach initiative hundreds of photographs, reports, and testimonials continue to pour in to AKA regarding the initiative’s success.

“This is America at its best,” said Dave Herman, AKA chairman. “Heart-to-heart outreach from women and men who care about how government regulations affect them, their health, and well-being. They see the FDA using misinformation to threaten access to a botanical that has been safely used for hundreds of years—a natural supplement that they have come to rely on for their own health care—and they are doing something about it.”

While most members of Congress had heard about kratom, the kratom advocates learned that their knowledge was limited or had been influenced by the FDA’s orchestrated effort to have kratom listed as a Schedule I substance. Each Member of Congress was left with a fact sheet, setting the record straight.

These visits showed positive responses to the concerns presented. One group report was indicative of the effort:

“Our meeting today with Congressman Justin Amash was a HUGE success! He listened intently to each one of us as we shared our personal stories about how kratom has positively impacted our lives and health. Mr. Amash told us he signed the bill to keep kratom legal in 2016, which was very positive!”

The success of this event has left a positive impact on the minds of kratom advocates and increased feelings of empowerment. “As long as the FDA keeps working to ban pure, natural kratom, these citizen activists will do everything they can to correct his misinformation,” said Herman.

## **ABOUT AKA**

The American Kratom Association (AKA), a consumer-based non-profit organization, focuses on setting the record straight about kratom and gives a voice to those who are suffering by protecting their rights to possess and consume safe and natural kratom. AKA represents millions of Americans, each of whom has a unique story to tell about the virtues of kratom and its positive effects on their lives. [www.amerikratom.org](http://www.amerikratom.org)