

**Regulation Concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates
Summary of Public Comments and DCP Response**

December 10, 2025

Regulations Concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates (PR2025-018)

The Department of Consumer Protection opened a public comment period from September 18, 2025, through October 20, 2025, to solicit public input regarding a proposed regulation concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates. The proposed regulation designates new substances to the controlled substance list as required by Public Act 25-101, Section 4, Subsection (i). Specifically, Public Act 25-101 required the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to designate the following as controlled substances and classify each substance in the appropriate controlled substance schedule: 7-hydroxymitragynine, bromazolam, flubromazolam, mitragyna speciosa (kratom), nitazenes, tianeptine, and phenibut. The proposed regulation classifies all seven substances as Schedule I controlled substances.

The document attached summarizes the written and oral comments received, as well as the Department's corresponding responses.

Very truly yours,



M. Caitlin S. Anderson – Chief of Legal & Regulatory Affairs
Dated: December 10, 2025

On behalf of:
Bryan Cafferelli – Commissioner,
Department of Consumer Protection

Summary of Public Comments and DCP Response

Background

The Department of Consumer Protection (the “Department”) received a request for a public hearing from the American Kratom Association on September 24, 2025, asking to provide oral testimony on proposed regulation 2025-018. The proposed regulation designates the following substances as controlled substances and classifies each substance as a Schedule I controlled substance: 7-hydroxymitragynine, bromazolam, flubromazolam, mitragyna speciosa (kratom), nitazenes, tianeptine, and phenibut (the “Substances”).

A [recorded](#) public hearing was held on October 15, 2025, at which 64 individuals provided testimony. The Department also received 405 written comments directly related to the proposed regulation, and two written comments not related to the proposed regulation. The written comments are accessible through the [eRegs System](#).

Although the proposed regulation concerns all seven of the Substances, all oral and written comments pertained to the plant mitragyna speciosa, known as “kratom,” and to the opioid compound 7-hydroxymitragynine, known as “7-OH”. 7-OH is an active compound found in kratom that can be synthesized or procured from the natural leaf. The Department was able to classify all oral and written comments into three categories:

1. Those who oppose the scheduling of kratom and/or 7-OH;¹
2. Those who support the scheduling of both kratom and 7-OH; and
3. Those who support the scheduling of kratom and/or 7-OH in a less restrictive controlled substance schedule.

A list of the individuals who submitted written and oral testimony in opposition to scheduling of either kratom and/or 7-OH is attached here as [Exhibit A](#). A list of the individuals who submitted written and oral testimony in support of scheduling kratom and/or 7-OH is attached here as [Exhibit B](#). A list of the individuals who submitted written and oral testimony in support of scheduling kratom and/or 7-OH in a less restrictive controlled substance schedule is attached here as [Exhibit C](#).

Comments Opposing the Scheduling of Kratom and/or 7-OH²

Many of the comments received at the hearing and through written submission detailed reasons why the individual opposed scheduling kratom and/or 7-OH. Commenters largely requested the Department not classify kratom and/or 7-OH as a controlled substance so both can continue to be sold at retail in the state. Many commenters explained that kratom and/or 7-OH alleviated pain or assisted them in becoming sober from other substances and intoxicants.

¹Some commentors solely opposed scheduling kratom, but did not oppose the scheduling of 7-OH. Because the Department’s response is the same to both groups, we address them jointly.

²See [Exhibit A](#) (Written comments: #1-93, 95-113, 115-159, 161-183, 185, 187-204, 206-208, 210-219, 221-242, 244-265, 267-270, 272-325, 327-329, 331-337, 339-349, 351-356, 358, 360, 363, 365-371, 375-386, 389-391, 393-395, 397-399, 401, 403-407; oral comments: # 13, 16-17, 19, 23, 31, 33-34, 38, 40, 42, 51-52, 63-64, 72, 76, 77, 80, 86, 91, 94, 95, 112, 116, 118, 125, 135-141, 149, 159, 161, ten commenters without numbers assigned, who joined the public hearing after all other present speakers testified).

The Legislature decided that the Substances, including kratom and 7-OH, shall be controlled substances and shall be scheduled. Therefore, the Substances are controlled substances, and the Department does not have authority to leave the Substances unscheduled. The Department's authority is solely limited to determining in which controlled substance schedule to classify the Substances. Regardless of which controlled substance schedule the Department designates for the Substances, it will not be legal to obtain the Substances at retail once the proposed regulations are codified because no controlled substances can be available for over-the-counter purchase. Therefore, the Department does not have the authority to take the action recommended by the commenters identified in this section.

Comments Supporting the Scheduling of Kratom and 7-OH³

Many comments received, through both the public hearing and written submission, indicated robust support for scheduling the Substances and specifically removing kratom and 7-OH from retail shelves. There were numerous stories of negative personal experiences with kratom and 7-OH, as well as strong recommendations that the state regulate them to ensure consumer safety. As stated above, the Department does not have authority to negate the Legislature's determination that the Substances are controlled substances. This was determined by the Legislature in Public Act 25-101. To comply with the requirements of Public Act 25-101, the Department must solely determine the appropriate schedule class, as set forth in the next section.

Comments Recommending the Scheduling of Kratom and 7-OH at a Lower Schedule (II-V)⁴

A minority of commentors requested that the Department designate kratom and/or 7-OH in a controlled substance schedule that allows for prescription use. The Department designated the Substances, including kratom and 7-OH, as Schedule I controlled substances, which is the most restrictive class. The Department chose Schedule I for all the Substances because, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), there is no prescription or over-the-counter product or use approved in the United States for the Substances, including kratom and 7-OH. It is unclear whether any new applications involving the Substances have been submitted to the FDA for consideration at this time. However, the FDA has not indicated that any of the Substances are safe and effective for any medical condition. More specifically, the FDA has consistently warned the public against the use of kratom for medical treatment.⁵

The Department does not conduct independent research or studies on the safety or efficacy of drugs and other substances. Therefore, the Department must rely on those government agencies that specialize in this work. Controlled substance schedules are set forth by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Schedule I drugs are classified as "drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse."⁶ Since there is no federal or Connecticut established medical use for the Substances, the Department does not have sufficient evidence to designate the Substances in any other class.

Conclusion

³See Exhibit B (Written comments: # 94, 114, 160, 205, 209, 220, 243, 271, 326, 330, 338, 350, 357, 359, 361-362, 387, 392, 402, 408; oral comments: # 12, 21, 24-26, 45, 57, 71, 73, 107, 109, 111).

⁴See Exhibit C (Written comments: # 266, 388, 396, 400; oral comments: # 39, 74, 106).

⁵Food and Drug Administration, September 25, 2025, "FDA and Kratom" <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/fda-and-kratom> (last accessed Dec. 10, 2025).

⁶Drug Enforcement Administration, <https://www.dea.gov/drug-information/drug-scheduling> (last accessed Dec. 10, 2025).

After thorough review of the comments, the Department will not revise the proposed regulation language. The Substances will remain classified as Schedule I controlled substances. The Department will continue the promulgation process by forwarding this regulation to the Office of the Attorney General for review. Thank you for your interest in this proposed regulation and the work of the Department of Consumer Protection.

Very truly yours,



M. Caitlin S. Anderson
Chief of Legal & Regulatory Affairs
Dated: December 10, 2025

Exhibit A: Written and Oral Comments Submitted in Opposition to Scheduling Kratom and/or 7-OH

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
1	Opposes Scheduling	Christopher Deaney	Self	Written
2	Opposes Scheduling	Andrew Gaba	Self	Written
3	Opposes Scheduling	Joseph Harrington	Self	Written
4	Opposes Scheduling	Rebecca Corbett	Self	Written
5	Opposes Scheduling	Paula Fazio	Self	Written
6	Opposes Scheduling	Sean Bentley	Self	Written
7	Opposes Scheduling	James Kab	Self	Written
8	Opposes Scheduling	Julie Nickell	Self	Written
9	Opposes Scheduling	Chris Decompeos	Self	Written
10	Opposes Scheduling	William Hall	Self	Written
11	Opposes Scheduling	Joseph Harrington	Self	Written
12	Opposes Scheduling	Rebecca Corbett	Self	Written
13	Opposes Scheduling	Paula Fazio	Self	Written
14	Opposes Scheduling	Sean Bentley	Self	Written
15	Opposes Scheduling	James Kab	Self	Written
16	Opposes Scheduling	Julie Nickell	Self	Written
17	Opposes Scheduling	Chris Decompeos	Self	Written
18	Opposes Scheduling	Scott Diggs	Self	Written
19	Opposes Scheduling	Madalyn Sklar	Self	Written
20	Opposes Scheduling	Matthew Brecke	Self	Written
21	Opposes Scheduling	Marc Perdue	Self	Written
22	Opposes Scheduling	Marko White	Self	Written
23	Opposes Scheduling	Mark Handy	Self	Written
24	Opposes Scheduling	Vincent Holland	Self	Written
25	Opposes Scheduling	Mary Stephens	Self	Written
26	Opposes Scheduling	Crystal Cole-White	Self	Written
27	Opposes Scheduling	Mary Stephens	Self	Written
28	Opposes Scheduling	Walden Hines	Self	Written
29	Opposes Scheduling	Todd Harris	Self	Written
30	Opposes Scheduling	Jessica Dennis	Self	Written
31	Opposes Scheduling	William Baldwin	Self	Written
32	Opposes Scheduling	JJ Mitski	Self	Written
33	Opposes Scheduling	Cassandra Benson	Self	Written
34	Opposes Scheduling	Michael Evans	Self	Written
35	Opposes Scheduling	Amy Gagne	Self	Written
36	Opposes Scheduling	Michael Mengarelli	Self	Written
37	Opposes Scheduling	Jared Beam	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
38	Opposes Scheduling	Laurel Morris	Self	Written
39	Opposes Scheduling	Falcon Morris	Self	Written
40	Opposes Scheduling	Nicholas Mccleese	Self	Written
41	Opposes Scheduling	Scott Lohr	Self	Written
42	Opposes Scheduling	Peter Shields	Self	Written
43	Opposes Scheduling	Gary Brodock	Self	Written
44	Opposes Scheduling	Dayna Friedrich	Self	Written
45	Opposes Scheduling	Dava Golino	Self	Written
46	Opposes Scheduling	Brandon Brock	Self	Written
47	Opposes Scheduling	Christopher Rohland	Self	Written
48	Opposes Scheduling	Cameron Sydow	Self	Written
49	Opposes Scheduling	Thomas LaBasco	Self	Written
50	Opposes Scheduling	Ryan Deckar	Self	Written
51	Opposes Scheduling	Tina Brooks	Self	Written
52	Opposes Scheduling	Ryan Deckar	Self	Written
53	Opposes Scheduling	Robert Lester	Self	Written
54	Opposes Scheduling	Melinda Selander	Self	Written
55	Opposes Scheduling	Carl Butkus	Self	Written
56	Opposes Scheduling	Ryan Powell	Self	Written
57	Opposes Scheduling	Austin Rowland	Self	Written
58	Opposes Scheduling	Jacqueline Matchett	Self	Written
59	Opposes Scheduling	Kara Deinken	Self	Written
60	Opposes Scheduling	Eric Pease	Self	Written
61	Opposes Scheduling	Peter Koeneman	Self	Written
62	Opposes Scheduling	Daniel Arausa	Self	Written
63	Opposes Scheduling	Joann Gauthier	Self	Written
64	Opposes Scheduling	Cheryl Scher	Self	Written
65	Opposes Scheduling	Ryan McNeil	Self	Written
66	Opposes Scheduling	Mark Swanson	Self	Written
67	Opposes Scheduling	Robert Cherry	Self	Written
68	Opposes Scheduling	Megan Meyers	Self	Written
69	Opposes Scheduling	Cassie Zborowski	Self	Written
70	Opposes Scheduling	Brad Bowers	Self	Written
71	Opposes Scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
72	Opposes Scheduling	Cara McCleskey	Self	Written
73	Opposes Scheduling	Lucinda Hayes	Self	Written
74	Opposes Scheduling	William Reagan	Self	Written
75	Opposes Scheduling	Zach Mills	Self	Written
76	Opposes Scheduling	Brenden Siferd	Self	Written
77	Opposes Scheduling	Ashley Proper	Self	Written
78	Opposes Scheduling	Trevor Powers	Self	Written
79	Opposes Scheduling	Richard Veeck	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
80	Opposes Scheduling	Timothy Keilty	Self	Written
81	Opposes Scheduling	David Anderson	Self	Written
82	Opposes Scheduling	Stephen McIntosh	Self	Written
83	Opposes Scheduling	David Spenziero	Self	Written
84	Opposes Scheduling	Brandon Foster	Self	Written
85	Opposes Scheduling	Magnus Loeffler	Self	Written
86	Opposes Scheduling	David Dykman	Self	Written
87	Opposes Scheduling	Ben Johnson	Self	Written
88	Opposes Scheduling	Gina Bisogno	Self	Written
89	Opposes Scheduling	Kristi Hatfield	Self	Written
90	Opposes Scheduling	Lynn Reck	Self	Written
91	Opposes Scheduling	Andrea Fraka	Self	Written
92	Opposes Scheduling	Sarah Oliver	Self	Written
93	Opposes Scheduling	Kathy Wilson	Self	Written
95	Opposes Scheduling	Nate Corey	Self	Written
96	Opposes Scheduling	Matthew Agnus	Self	Written
97	Opposes Scheduling	Thomas Barker	Self	Written
98	Opposes Scheduling	Laura Jackson	Self	Written
99	Opposes Scheduling	Wilton Dudley	Self	Written
100	Opposes Scheduling	Matt Rajewsmi	Self	Written
101	Opposes Scheduling	Dylan Smith	Self	Written
102	Opposes Scheduling	Anette Scott	Self	Written
103	Opposes Scheduling	Robert Cooper	Self	Written
104	Opposes Scheduling	Walter Halloway	Self	Written
105	Opposes Scheduling	Brian Prost	Self	Written
106	Opposes Scheduling	Garrison Smith	Self	Written
107	Opposes Scheduling	Ashley Davidson	Self	Written
108	Opposes Scheduling	Tina Jarvis	Self	Written
109	Opposes Scheduling	Bill Brown	Self	Written
110	Opposes Scheduling	MaryKay Villaverde	Self	Written
111	Opposes Scheduling	Brian Kosar	Self	Written
112	Opposes Scheduling	Walter Johnson	Self	Written
113	Opposes Scheduling	Alexander Karp	Self	Written
115	Opposes Scheduling	Jason Asbury	Self	Written
116	Opposes Scheduling	Mitchell Earleywine	Self	Written
117	Opposes Scheduling	Dean Judd	Self	Written
118	Opposes Scheduling	Matt Wirsing	Self	Written
119	Opposes Scheduling	Sheldon Willner	Self	Written
120	Opposes Scheduling	Dawn Barnes	Self	Written
121	Opposes Scheduling	Scott Thompson	Self	Written
122	Opposes Scheduling	Kevin McCarthy	Self	Written
123	Opposes Scheduling	Shawn Hoberek	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
124	Opposes Scheduling	John Ellison	Self	Written
125	Opposes Scheduling	Ian Clutter	Self	Written
126	Opposes Scheduling	Rebekkah Morris	Self	Written
127	Opposes Scheduling	Joseph Volpe	Self	Written
128	Opposes Scheduling	Dylan Waite	Self	Written
129	Opposes Scheduling	Tim Stevenson	Self	Written
130	Opposes Scheduling	Rhiannon Roux	Self	Written
131	Opposes Scheduling	Jacob Stalder	Self	Written
132	Opposes Scheduling	Jeff Smalls	Self	Written
133	Opposes Scheduling	Steve Gansel	Self	Written
134	Opposes Scheduling	David Wise	Self	Written
135	Opposes Scheduling	William Cousineau	Self	Written
136	Opposes Scheduling	Jason Caione	Self	Written
137	Opposes Scheduling	Michael Skelton	Self	Written
138	Opposes Scheduling	Sheldon Newmister	Self	Written
139	Opposes Scheduling	Jacob Monaco	Self	Written
140	Opposes Scheduling	Erik Hansen	Self	Written
141	Opposes Scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
142	Opposes Scheduling	Thomas Boiano	Self	Written
143	Opposes Scheduling	Michael Nirenberg	Self	Written
144	Opposes Scheduling	Grayson Carlisle	Self	Written
145	Opposes Scheduling	David Bendel	Self	Written
146	Opposes Scheduling	Nicholas Mccleese	Self	Written
147	Opposes Scheduling	Spencer Douglas	Self	Written
148	Opposes Scheduling	Tim Duncan	Self	Written
149	Opposes Scheduling	Kyle Barrick	Self	Written
150	Opposes Scheduling	Douglas Richar	Self	Written
151	Opposes Scheduling	Lori Fried	Self	Written
152	Opposes Scheduling	Jake Damiano	Self	Written
153	Opposes Scheduling	Rob Regish	Self	Written
154	Opposes scheduling	Phyllis Willner	Self	Written
155	Opposes scheduling	Jacob Slowenski	Self	Written
156	Opposes scheduling	Laura Rozza	Self	Written
157	Opposes scheduling	Nicholas Gruschow	Self	Written
158	Opposes scheduling	Charles Twist	Self	Written
159	Opposes scheduling	Damian Frederick	Self	Written
161	Opposes scheduling	Logan Digges	Self	Written
162	Opposes scheduling	Collin T.	Self	Written
163	Opposes scheduling	Curtis Holroyd	Self	Written
164	Opposes scheduling	Eric Heiden	Self	Written
165	Opposes scheduling	Alexander Tomiano	Self	Written
166	Opposes scheduling	Kendall Tipper	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
167	Opposes scheduling	Christopher Penna	Self	Written
168	Opposes scheduling	Mutaz Maula	Self	Written
169	Opposes scheduling	Scott Diggs	Self	Written
170	Opposes scheduling	Keith Restivo	Self	Written
171	Opposes scheduling	Rob Wilks	Self	Written
172	Opposes scheduling	Sam Frumpton	Self	Written
173	Opposes scheduling	Steven Belanger	Self	Written
174	Opposes scheduling	Jeff Wood	Self	Written
175	Opposes scheduling	Joseph Origi	Self	Written
176	Opposes scheduling	Stephanie Taylor	Self	Written
177	Opposes Scheduling	Taylor Desmarest	Self	Written
178	Opposes scheduling	Hussnain Gondal	Business Owner	Written
179	Opposes scheduling	Philip Kryzanowski	Self	Written
180	Opposes scheduling	Tammy Alex	Self	Written
181	Opposes scheduling	John Smits	Self	Written
182	Opposes scheduling	Amy Gagne	Self	Written
183	Opposes scheduling	Tracey Mccollum	Self	Written
185	Opposes scheduling	Paloma Lehfeltdt	Self	Written
187	Opposes scheduling	Andrew Kloc	Self	Written
188	Opposes scheduling	Mark Mazelli	Self	Written
189	Opposes scheduling	Mike Franklin	Self	Written
190	Opposes scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
191	Opposes scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
192	Opposes scheduling	David Anderson	Self	Written
193	Opposes scheduling	Zack Blum	Self	Written
194	Opposes scheduling	Bojken Lohja	Self	Written
195	Opposes scheduling	Adrienne Martinez	Self	Written
196	Opposes scheduling	James Fisher	Self	Written
197	Opposes scheduling	Lucas Redmond	Self	Written
198	Opposes scheduling	Daniel Varney	Self	Written
199	Opposes scheduling	Misty Brown	Self	Written
200	Opposes scheduling	Betty Lou LaJoy	Self	Written
201	Opposes scheduling	James Cansdale	Self	Written
202	Opposes scheduling	Charles White	Self	Written
203	Opposes scheduling	Matt Wirsing	Self	Written
204	Opposes scheduling	Lauren Dutton	Self	Written
206	Opposes scheduling	Jacey Blaylock	Self	Written
207	Opposes scheduling	Lora Romney	Self	Written
208	Opposes scheduling	Christopher Deaney	Self	Written
210	Opposes scheduling	Peter Erpo	Self	Written
211	Opposes scheduling	Sami Harjula	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
212	Opposes scheduling	Paloma Lehfeldt	Self	Written
213	Opposes scheduling	Medea Latham	Self	Written
214	Opposes scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
215	Opposes scheduling	Kevin Highfill	Self	Written
216	Opposes scheduling	Liana Defrancesco	Self	Written
217	Opposes scheduling	Nicholas McCleese	Self	Written
218	Opposes scheduling	Karleigh Clements	Self	Written
219	Opposes scheduling	Daniel Messori	Self	Written
221	Opposes scheduling	Ryan Powell	Self	Written
222	Opposes scheduling	Zachary Lamkin	Self	Written
223	Opposes scheduling	Sean Decker	Self	Written
224	Opposes scheduling	Taylor Cheshire	Self	Written
225	Opposes scheduling	Matt Silvis	Self	Written
226	Opposes scheduling	Cassy Smith	Self	Written
227	Opposes scheduling	Lacey Vasquez	Self	Written
228	Opposes scheduling	James Allen	Self	Written
229	Opposes scheduling	Travis Cripe	Self	Written
230	Opposes scheduling	Michael Garrison	Self	Written
231	Opposes scheduling	Ashley Green	Self	Written
232	Opposes scheduling	David Ramsey	Self	Written
233	Opposes scheduling	Jamie Vadeboncoeur	Self	Written
234	Opposes scheduling	Kathy Wilson	Self	Written
235	Opposes scheduling	Michael Perry	Self	Written
236	Opposes scheduling	Zoey Tess	Self	Written
237	Opposes scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
238	Opposes scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
239	Opposes scheduling	Melissa Ri	Self	Written
240	Opposes scheduling	Ryan Paines	Self	Written
241	Opposes scheduling	Madalyn Sklar	Self	Written
242	Opposes scheduling	Venus Usher	Self	Written
244	Opposes scheduling	Justin Gloecker	Self	Written
245	Opposes Scheduling	Clifford Jones	Self	Written
246	Opposes scheduling	Karen Jones	Self	Written
247	Opposes scheduling	Christopher Deaney	Self	Written
248	Opposes scheduling	Alexander Karp	Self	Written
249	Opposes scheduling	Chelsea Walker	Self	Written
250	Opposes scheduling	Peter Manion	Self	Written
251	Opposes scheduling	Kayla Holt	Self	Written
252	Opposes scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
253	Opposes scheduling	Brandon Brock	Self	Written
254	Opposes scheduling	Raymond Hartman	Self	Written
255	Opposes scheduling	Jacey Blaylock	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
256	Opposes scheduling	Zac Lamkin	Self	Written
257	Opposes scheduling	Austin Seymour	Self	Written
258	Opposes scheduling	Brandon Jasorkowski	Self	Written
259	Opposes scheduling	Cara McCleskey	Self	Written
260	Opposes scheduling	Zohar Harel	Self	Written
261	Opposes scheduling	Bobbie the Awesome Malatesta	Self	Written
262	Opposes Scheduling	Thomas Barker	Self	Written
263	Opposes Scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
264	Opposes scheduling	Curt Bramble	Self	Written
265	Opposes scheduling	Austin Seymour	Self	Written
267	Opposes scheduling	Cameron Sydow	Self	Written
268	Opposes scheduling	Daniel Cervone	Self	Written
269	Opposes scheduling	Lauren Dutton	Self	Written
270	Opposes scheduling	Mike Burnell	Self	Written
272	Opposes Scheduling	Jeffrey Singer	Cato Institute	Written
273	Opposes scheduling	Alexander Johnson	Self	Written
274	Opposes scheduling	Michael Branch	Self	Written
275	Opposes scheduling	James Saveriano	Self	Written
276	Opposes scheduling	Joseph Bachiochi	Self	Written
277	Opposes scheduling	Vincent Bossio	Self	Written
278	Opposes scheduling	Jessica Gavitt	Self	Written
279	Opposes scheduling	Karl Hyk	Self	Written
280	Opposes scheduling	Keaton Box	Self	Written
281	Opposes scheduling	Dana Avedisian	Self	Written
282	Opposes scheduling	Mike Francis	Self	Written
283	Opposes scheduling	Ralph Zeblin	Self	Written
284	Opposes scheduling	Christina Moore	Self	Written
285	Opposes scheduling	Anette Scott	Self	Written
286	Opposes scheduling	Tim Shaw	Self	Written
287	Opposes scheduling	Richard Freed	Self	Written
288	Opposes scheduling	Niko Hasapoglou	Little Nicky's BBQ	Written
289	Opposes scheduling	Sven Martson	Self	Written
290	Opposes scheduling	Bruce Hempel	Self	Written
291	Opposes scheduling	Tammy Alex	Self	Written
292	Opposes scheduling	Carlos Lopez	Self	Written
293	Opposes Scheduling	Steven Gruchawka	Self	Written
294	Opposes scheduling	Jon Kelly	Self	Written
295	Opposes scheduling	Treasa Pattison	Self	Written
296	Opposes scheduling	Ryan Stephens	Self	Written
297	Opposes scheduling	Joe Dickerson	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
298	Opposes scheduling	Kristen Salem	Self	Written
299	Opposes scheduling	John McCloud	Self	Written
300	Opposes scheduling	Holly Dailey	Self	Written
301	Opposes scheduling	Natalie Thompson	Self	Written
302	Opposes scheduling	Susan Wilk	Self	Written
303	Opposes scheduling	Will Koste	Self	Written
304	Opposes scheduling	Tracey Lotz	Self	Written
305	Opposes scheduling	Virginia Watson	Self	Written
306	Opposes scheduling	Michael Marandino	Self	Written
307	Opposes scheduling	Kim Harrington	Self	Written
308	Opposes scheduling	John Shinholser	American Kratom Safe Initiative	Written
309	Opposes scheduling	Ryan Ford	Self	Written
310	Opposes scheduling	David DeCapua	Self	Written
311	Opposes scheduling	David Gauthier	Self	Written
312	Opposes scheduling	Matthew Betlinski	Self	Written
313	Opposes scheduling	Sherri Le	Self	Written
314	Opposes scheduling	Nat Hanson	Self	Written
315	Opposes scheduling	Amanda Olson	Self	Written
316	Opposes scheduling	James Starbuck	Self	Written
317	Opposes scheduling	James Starbuck	Self	Written
318	Opposes scheduling	Brian Vlad	Self	Written
319	Opposes scheduling	Mark Mazelli	Self	Written
320	Opposes scheduling	Nicholas Bolinger	Self	Written
321	Opposes scheduling	Peter Stewart	Self	Written
322	Opposes scheduling	Arthur Sweeney	Self	Written
323	Opposes scheduling	Benjamin Winson	Self	Written
324	Opposes scheduling	Joshua Costas	Self	Written
325	Opposes scheduling	Joshua Costas	Self	Written
327	Opposes scheduling	David Derian	Self	Written
328	Opposes scheduling	Jeffrey Fell	Self	Written
329	Opposes scheduling	Jason Jabo	Self	Written
331	Opposes scheduling	Robert Wilkens	Self	Written
332	Opposes scheduling	Leah Waller	Self	Written
333	Opposes scheduling	Evan Williams	Self	Written
334	Opposes scheduling	Daniel Phan	Self	Written
335	Opposes scheduling	Tracey Slack	Self	Written
336	Opposes scheduling	Joseph Gagne	Self	Written
337	Opposes scheduling	Joseph Anthony Harrington	Self	Written
339	Opposes scheduling	Lori Younger	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
340	Opposes scheduling	Megan Zamorano	Self	Written
341	Opposes Scheduling	Katelyn Ingaglio	Self	Written
342	Opposes scheduling	Kyle Caldeira	Self	Written
343	Opposes scheduling	David Valenti	Self	Written
344	Opposes scheduling	Brandon Ward	Self	Written
345	Opposes scheduling	Casey Anderson	Self	Written
346	Opposes scheduling	Cody Charlton	Self	Written
347	Opposes scheduling	Shenna Clark	Self	Written
348	Opposes scheduling	Stephanie Salsman	Self	Written
349	Opposes scheduling	Christopher Bryant	Self	Written
351	Opposes scheduling	Gina Bisogno	Self	Written
352	Opposes scheduling	Brett Combs	Self	Written
353	Opposes scheduling	Denise Ungerman	Self	Written
354	Opposes Scheduling	Matthew Lowe	Self	Written
355	Opposes scheduling	Matthew Williams	Self	Written
356	Opposes scheduling	Kenny Griffey	Self	Written
358	Opposes Scheduling	Anonymous	Self	Written
360	Opposes scheduling	April Hiltabidle	Self	Written
363	Opposes Scheduling	Erin Berthold	Planted in Science Consulting	Written
365	Opposes scheduling	Jenn Mercier	Self	Written
366	Opposes scheduling	John Doe	Self	Written
367	Opposes Scheduling	Kathy Cagle	Self	Written
368	Opposes scheduling	Peter Erpo	Self	Written
369	Opposes Scheduling	Jeanette Clark	Self	Written
370	Opposes Scheduling	Sean Zamorano	Self	Written
371	Opposes scheduling	Ben Wilk	Self	Written
375	Opposes scheduling	Esther Kwiatkowski	Self	Written
376	Opposes scheduling	Adam Avgoulas	Self	Written
377	Opposes scheduling	Stephanie Rodzon	Self	Written
378	Opposes scheduling	Robert Marriott	American Herbal Products Association	Written
379	Opposes scheduling	Kevin McCarthy	Self	Written
380	Opposes scheduling	Nola Maiorino	Self	Written
381	Opposes scheduling	Michael Perry	Self	Written
382	Opposes scheduling	Paula Brown	Self	Written
383	Opposes scheduling	Samuel Evans	Self	Written
384	Opposes scheduling	Alexandra Bissell	Self	Written
385	Opposes scheduling	Samantha Tonnichchi	Self	Written
386	Opposes Scheduling	Brian Kennedy	Self	Written

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
389	Opposes scheduling	Cody Valliere	Self	Written
390	Opposes scheduling	John Bininger	Self	Written
391	Opposes scheduling	John Bininger	Self	Written
393	Opposes scheduling	Mac Haddow	Self	Written
394	Opposes scheduling	Peter Erpo	Cloud nine	Written
395	Opposes scheduling	Ryan Haugen	Self	Written
397	Opposes scheduling	Peter Epro	Self	Written
398	Opposes scheduling	Katherine Hill	Self	Written
399	Opposes scheduling	James Stagnitta	Self	Written
401	Opposes scheduling	John Doe	Self	Written
403	Opposes scheduling	Jenna Webb	Self	Written
404	Opposes scheduling	Joseph Harrington	Self	Written
405	Opposes scheduling	Mark Katuzney	Self	Written
406	Opposes Scheduling	Christopher Surowka	Self	Written
407	Opposes scheduling	Erica Morgan	Self	Written
13	Opposes scheduling	Misty Brown	Self	Oral
16	Opposes scheduling	Charles White	UConn School of Pharmacy	Oral
17	Opposes scheduling	Matthew Lowe	Global kratom coalition	Oral
19	Opposes scheduling	Jennifer Gillis	Self	Oral
23	Opposes scheduling	Michael Cueto	Self	Oral
31	Opposes scheduling	Lora Romney	Self	Oral
32	Opposes scheduling	Logan digges	Self	Oral
33	Opposes scheduling	Sami Hajrula	Peer Recovery Navigator	Oral
34	Opposes scheduling	Curt Holroyd	Recently retired APRN	Oral
38	Opposes scheduling	Christopher Rohland	Self	Oral
40	Opposes scheduling	Jacey Blaylock	Self	Oral
42	Opposes scheduling	Mark mazelli	Self	Oral
51	Opposes scheduling	Peter Shields	Self	Oral
52	Opposes scheduling	Dr. Anthony Distasio	Self	Oral
63	Opposes scheduling	Marc Perdue	Self	Oral
64	Opposes scheduling	Andrew Kloc	Owner, The Vapor Edge	Oral
67	Opposes scheduling	Erin Berthold	Founder	Oral
72	Opposes scheduling	Christopher Deaney	Self	Oral
76	Opposes scheduling	Jennifer Mercier	Self	Oral
77	Opposes scheduling	Anthony Margotta jr	Horse training	Oral
80	Opposes scheduling	Robert Marriott	American Herbal	Oral

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
			Products Association	
86	Opposes scheduling	Venus Usher	Self	Oral
91	Opposes scheduling	Denis Karachopan	Community Educator and Harm Reduction Advocate	Oral
94	Opposes scheduling	Curt Bramble	Former Utah State Senator - Sponsor of the nation's 1st Kratom Consumer Protection Act	Oral
95	Opposes scheduling	Mac Haddow	America Kratom Association	Oral
112	Opposes scheduling	Laura Reilly	Self	Oral
116	Opposes scheduling	Adam Hull	Self	Oral
118	Opposes scheduling	Elizabeth Hicks	Consumer Choice Center	Oral
125	Opposes scheduling	John Shinholser	Self	Oral
135	Opposes scheduling	Dana Fusco	Self	Oral
136	Opposes scheduling	Dylan Smith	Self	Oral
137	Opposes scheduling	Sheldon Willner	Self	Oral
138	Opposes scheduling	Jordan Richard	Self	Oral
139	Opposes scheduling	Leah Waller	Self	Oral
140	Opposes scheduling	Amanda Rainer	Advocate	Oral
141	Opposes scheduling	Tracey Slack	Self	Oral
149	Opposes scheduling	Joseph Harrington	Self	Oral
159	Opposes scheduling	John Franklin	Advocate	Oral
161	Opposes scheduling	Rebekkah Morris	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Arthur Richard	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Arri Taylor	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Drea "Discussions"	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Gabrielle Russell	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Jana Wu	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Keith Pascucci	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Melody Waltz	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Michael Feldman	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Peter Epero	Self	Oral
	Opposes scheduling	Tessi Johnson	Self	Oral

Exhibit B: Written and Oral Comments Submitted in Support of Scheduling Kratom and 7-OH

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
94	Supports scheduling	Kelli McCann	Self	Written
114	Supports scheduling	Jennifer Brandt	Self	Written
160	Supports scheduling	Royce Maxwell	Self	Written
205	Supports scheduling	Talis Abolins	MCT Law	Written
209	Supports scheduling	Susan Cave	Self	Written
220	Supports scheduling	Carol Nikki	Self	Written
243	Supports scheduling	Norris Packard	Self	Written
271	Supports scheduling	Dan Gibbs	Self	Written
326	supports scheduling	Kim Daly	Self	Written
330	Supports scheduling	Talis Abolins	Self	Written
338	Supports scheduling	Pamela Peck	Self	Written
350	supports scheduling	Kym Bonelli	Self	Written
357	Supports scheduling	Holly Trouville	Self	Written
359	Supports scheduling	Elizabeth Pirola	Self	Written
361	Supports scheduling	Isabella Pirola	Self	Written
362	Supports scheduling	Gloria Cruz	Self	Written
364	Supports scheduling	Alaudin Kadric	Self	Written
387	Supports scheduling	Kayemille Goss	Self	Written
392	Supports scheduling	Kayla Brasile	Self	Written
402	Supports scheduling	Tiffany Smolenski	Self	Written
408	Supports scheduling	Cloe Marrinan	Self	Written
12	Supports scheduling	Karen Butler	Self	Oral
21	Supports scheduling	Wendy Chamberlain	Kratom Danger Awareness, Inc Nonprofit	Oral
24	Supports scheduling	Susan Cave	Kratom Danger Awareness, Inc non-profit	Oral
25	Supports scheduling	Susan Eppard	Self	Oral
26	Supports scheduling	Talis Abolins	Self	Oral
45	Supports scheduling	Nikki Gorman	Village Pediatrics	Oral
57	Supports scheduling	Jonathan H. Taylor	Self	Oral
71	Supports scheduling	Stacey Reilly	Self	Oral
73	Supports scheduling	Doreen Pinkerton	Mountainside Treatment Center	Oral
107	Supports scheduling	Dan Gibbs	Self	Oral
109	Supports scheduling	Lisa Frankenfeld	Self	Oral

111	Supports scheduling	Holly Trouville	Self	Oral
------------	---------------------	-----------------	------	------

Exhibit C: Written and Oral Comments Submitted in Support of Scheduling Kratom and/or 7-OH at a Lower Level

Comment #	Position	Name	Organization	Type of comment
266	Schedule at lower level	Kathryn Sackinger	Self	Written
388		Yael Ossowski	Consumer Choice Center	Written
396	Schedule at lower level	John Cleveland	Holistic Alternative Recovery Trust	Written
400	Schedule at lower level	Michelle Ross	Self	Written
39	Schedule at lower level	Michael Burnell	Self	Oral
74	Schedule at lower level	John Cleveland	Self	Oral
106	Schedule at lower level	Daniel Cervone	Self	Oral

Regulation Concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates

Public Hearing Information

December 10, 2025

Regulations Concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates (PR2025-018)

The Department of Consumer Protection opened a public comment period from September 18, 2025, through October 20, 2025, to solicit public input regarding a proposed regulation concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates. In addition to the public comment period, the Department held a public hearing at 9:30am on October 15, 2025, to solicit additional public commentary.

Notice of said hearing was posted to the Department's website. The following website link provides access to the archived video of the public hearing, courtesy of The Connecticut Network, commonly known as CT-N:

[CT-N Video Player: Department of Consumer Protection Public Hearing on Regulation 2025-018: Controlled Drug Substance Schedules](#)

The proposed regulation designates new substances to the controlled substance list as required by Public Act 25-101, Section 4, Subsection (i). Specifically, Public Act 25-101 required the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to designate the following as controlled substances and classify each substance in the appropriate controlled substance schedule: 7-hydroxymitragynine, bromazolam, flubromazolam, mitragyna speciosa (kratom), nitazenes, tianeptine, and phenibut. The proposed regulation classifies all seven substances as Schedule I controlled substances.

Regulation Concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates

Public Hearing Information

December 10, 2025

Regulations Concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates (PR2025-018)

The Department of Consumer Protection opened a public comment period from September 18, 2025, through October 20, 2025, to solicit public input regarding a proposed regulation concerning Controlled Substance Drug Schedule Updates. In addition to the public comment period, the Department held a public hearing at 9:30am on October 15, 2025, to solicit additional public commentary.

Notice of said hearing was posted to the Department's website. The following website link provides access to the archived video of the public hearing, courtesy of The Connecticut Network, commonly known as CT-N:

[CT-N Video Player: Department of Consumer Protection Public Hearing on Regulation 2025-018: Controlled Drug Substance Schedules](#)

The proposed regulation designates new substances to the controlled substance list as required by Public Act 25-101, Section 4, Subsection (i). Specifically, Public Act 25-101 required the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to designate the following as controlled substances and classify each substance in the appropriate controlled substance schedule: 7-hydroxymitragynine, bromazolam, flubromazolam, mitragyna speciosa (kratom), nitazenes, tianeptine, and phenibut. The proposed regulation classifies all seven substances as Schedule I controlled substances.