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The Honorable Chuck Rosenberg  
Acting Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
U.S. Department of Justice  
8701 Morrissette Drive  
Springfield, VA 22152

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Thank you for your recent letter notifying the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of your intention to temporarily place kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa* Korth), mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

The Food and Drug Administration was asked to review its files. I have been advised that there are currently no approved new drug applications or investigational new drug applications for these substances. Therefore, HHS has no objection regarding your plan to temporarily place kratom, mitragynine, and 7-hydroxymitragynine into Schedule I of the CSA.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. DeSalvo", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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