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### Kratom and 7-Hydroxymitragynine: Public Health Concerns and Regulatory Challenges

February 18, 2026 – 1:30p.m.  
1021 O Street, Room 1200

### AGENDA

#### I. Opening Remarks

#### II. Background Presentation: Pharmacology and Toxicology of Kratom Alkaloids

- **Igor Koturbash, M.D., Ph.D.**, Director, Center for Dietary Supplements Research, Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

#### III. State and Local Perspectives and Public Health Impacts

- **Rita Nguyen, M.D.**, Assistant State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health
- **Aimee Moulin, M.D.**, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Chief, Division of Addiction Medicine, University of California – Davis
- **Odey Ukpo, M.D., M.S.**, Chief Medical Examiner, County of Los Angeles
- **Brian Hurley, M.D., M.B.A.**, Medical Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- **Farrah McDaid Ting**, Deputy Director, County Health Executives Association of California

#### IV. Perspectives from Kratom and 7-OH Advocates

- **Matthew Lowe**, Executive Director, Global Kratom Coalition
- **Sheldon Bradshaw**, FDA Regulatory Counsel for Botanicals for Better Health and Wellness
- **Jackie Subbeck**, Executive Director, 7 HOPE Alliance Foundation
- **Michele Ross, Ph.D., M.B.A.**, Principal Scientist, Infused Partners

#### V. Public Comment