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There are currently no FDA-approved therapeutic uses for products containing kratom, and the FDA has identified significant safety concerns associated with its use. twitter.com/US_FDA/status/...

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 **Brett Giroir**
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FDA doesn't schedule; it only recommends. FDA's recommendation was rejected b/c of embarrassingly poor evidence & data, and a failure to consider overall public health. If [#Kratom](#) is fueling opioid addiction, prove it; and then [@HHS_ASH](#) should reconsider. bit.ly/3wm3fFF

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