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# Dr. Daniel Fabricant, NPA CEO, to appear on "The Doctors" to Talk Kratom

## *NPA Leading Authority on Kratom, Files Formal Comments with DEA*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Natural Products Association (NPA) CEO and Executive Director Dr. Dan Fabricant will appear on the CBS talk show “The Doctors” today alongside guests to debate the serious concerns about the use of kratom.

Dr. Fabricant, a former Food and Drug Administration (FDA) official, argues that kratom has not met the strict standards products must adhere to in order to be marketed to the public and deemed safe for regular use in either our food or our drug supply. NPA also weighed in recently with formal comments to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) expressing concerns about kratom’s public health threat.

“It’s important that we follow the legal structure, and kratom is a good example of people going around it,” said Dan Fabricant, PhD., CEO and Executive Director of NPA. “Addiction experts are expressing concerns that addicts are using kratom as a band aid when they can’t get ahold of opiates and painkillers as its use in the U.S. becomes more widespread.”

“The dietary supplement and natural products industry is regulated by the federal government,” added Dr. Fabricant. “As the former top official overseeing the dietary supplement division at FDA, I can tell you that kratom has not met the legal and regulatory requirements to be sold on store shelves alongside products that have been proven to be safe such as vitamin C, fish oil supplements, or St. John’s Wart.”

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) announced its intention to classify kratom as a Schedule I substance on August 31, 2016. On October 12, 2016, the DEA announced that it would hold an open comment period until December 1, 2016, receiving more than 19,000 comments. NPA submitted official comments, which can be viewed [here](#).

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