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I am a husband to my wife Chelsea, a Father of 5, a veteran, youth sports coach, and businessman. I served 5 years in the Army, attained the rank of Captain, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge for my service in Afghanistan.

During 7 years of tackle football, 7 years of rugby, and 5 years as an infantryman in the US Army I developed TBI, PTSD and hypervigilance, brain fog and . During the 13 years after my service in the Army these issues became more pervasive and impactful on my life, coupled with difficulty transitioning and many other stressful and difficult situations in my life personally and professionally. By 2025 I was in a position where my marriage and home life had become untenable and my family was breaking down, I struggled with brain fog decision making, depression, anxiety, frustration, and I had a very hard time relaxing or enjoying life in any capacity.

I became aware of Ibogaine through a podcast, and decided to try this medicine this past July, 2025. After trying marriage counseling twice it was clear that there was no road forward for a successful marriage, and I was planning to move forward with a divorce after returning from my Ibogaine experience.

The benefits of Ibogaine are well known, and are being studied in greater detail. I am going to speak about the experience itself.

Before this experience I had heard about the "spirit" of Iboga, I heard that while experiencing Ibogaine there is a dialogue that occurs. During my journey I experienced this in deeply profound ways far beyond my wildest expectation. I was taught in great specificity and detail all the things I needed to learn in order to fix all of the greatest problems in my life. I was shown my purpose here on earth, how to live a good life, how to be the best father I can be, and a great many things about the nature of consciousness. I am completely open to sharing the details of this portion of the experience to anyone who is interested to hear about this in more detail.

The result of this experience have had the following impacts:

- The relationship between my wife and I is the best it has been in decades, divorce is out of the question
- Every member of my family is on a better trajectory than they had been prior to Ibogaine
- A vast reduction in PTSD symptoms, brain fog and memory issues
- An ability to enjoy all the small beauties and interactions in daily life

-A deep sense of peace and a massive appreciation for relationships, and the value of every human.

-I now look forward to the opportunity to shine light on others through daily interactions whenever possible.

-A very large reduction in unhealthy materialistic pursuits, previously I pursued success to an extent that it damaged other aspects of my life, now I am finding a healthy balance.

-I now have no fear of death, and I am able to interact with and provide comfort to those who are facing death in ways that provide them with hope and comfort.

In short, I have gone from struggling to thriving. If it were not for Ibogaine, my family would be broken apart and struggling. Thanks to this miraculous medicine it is now instead strengthening with every passing month.

I urge you to pass legislation that opens the use of this substance as broadly as possible. As long as this substance is administered in a safe environment with the correct precautions and medical supervision this is a treatment that should be opened to any member of the public with the courage to experience it. It should be available for spiritual and personal growth purposes in addition to specific medical uses.

Additionally, there have been recent breakthroughs in synthesizing Ibogaine from widely available chemicals. The current legislation currently defines Ibogaine as "naturally occurring indole alkaloid". Please consider adding synthetically produced versions of the molecule as this may become more sustainable, affordable and available.

Thank you!

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