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I am writing in response to the proposed CFTC regulations on retail FX trading, specifically on the drastic reduction of leverage. While I understand the potential for misuse of leverage by inexperienced traders/speculators, such potential exists in nearly all facets of investment and should be addressed through adequate disclosure and education, not outright prohibition. Such measures substantially hinder more experienced traders, especially those who make a living through their trading. Furthermore, such restrictions do nothing to promote a more educated retail market.

Leverage can and should be controlled through proper position sizing and risk management. If the CFTC looks upon the retail FX market as the "rich idiot's" playground, then this regulation would make sense. However, if the CFTC hopes that this market will mature within the US and gain greater legitimacy, this regulation is ill-conceived. There are many of us who make our living within this market. For retail FX to become a more secure environment for all investors, while preserving its potential as a viable alternative asset class, the CFTC's focus should concentrate more heavily on disclosure, transparency, and education than on removing the necessary tools of professionals.

Best regards,
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