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Dear Mr. Stawick:

I am writing in support of the CFTC's Proposed Federal Speculative Position Limits that will reestablish speculative position limits on major energy commodities. This rule will provide needed stability to the marketplace and help prevent future price bubbles. It is way past time for the CFTC to approve a strong rule to protect America's struggling economy. Wall Street's speculative trading in oil not only hurts the economy, but hurts every American who pays excessive prices at the pump, for groceries, home heating oil and everything related to transportation. Frankly, I am sick and tired of paying higher prices at the pump because of lack of action to prevent big banks from dominating oil markets. It is past time to close loopholes and help return gas prices to reasonable levels. I realize that Wall Street lobbyists will do everything they can to prevent new oil trading rules but I am pleading with you to protect the economy from future fuel price bubbles and stop the fat cats and speculators from unfairly profiting during the worst recession in decades.

Our tax dollars were used to bail out large Wall Street firms when they were on the brink of bankruptcy. It is these same institutions that pushed the price of gasoline well past \$4 per gallon in 2008 by gambling on oil and continue to profit at every American's expense.

Rampant oil speculation by large Wall Street trading firms has resulted in extreme volatility in energy markets and unwarranted price spikes in recent years. Given that supplies are at record highs and demand remains weak, fundamentals cannot explain recent price hikes and destructive price swings. Unless the CFTC adopts the proposed rule, markets will continue to fluctuate wildly.

Position limits existed in energy markets until 2001 and currently apply to agricultural commodities. CFTC should use its existing experience to regulate position limits of speculators and prevent excessive concentration in the energy markets, while ensuring that exemptions to

these limits afforded to real physical players such as fuel cooperatives, public utilities, truckers and airlines are not exploited by big banks and billionaire investors.

Energy consumers desperately need stability in the marketplace. I encourage the CFTC to adopt the Proposed Federal Speculative Position Limits before volatile fuel prices further harm the country's already weakened economy.

Sincerely,

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