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David Stawick  
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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 stability to the marketplace and help prevent future price bubbles. The CFTC must quickly approve a strong rule to protect America's struggling economy. As a single mother with 5 children (three still living at home), and receiving Social Security Disability Income, I am stretched to the limit just to survive. 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.

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. It seems to me that America would continue down the slippery slope, and further hurt our economy if we don't do something to stop the rampant oil speculation.

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. Our country is dependent on gasoline. Our grocery stores, and other stores have trucks deliver their goods. The stores will have to increase their prices to cover the fuel prices. The stores will then pass the higher prices to us, the consumer. Being on a fixed income the increasing prices will bankrupt many people who are in the same position as me.

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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