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I am an individual investor that tries to protect his self directed pension plan by investing in precious metals mining companies and the physical metal. I would like to invest in a honest market but cannot as long as you permit the big banks to have concentrated short positions with excessive futures contracts in gold and especially silver. They are stealing from me and thousands of other Americans.

Please limit the trading positions and do away with the phoney exemptions. You have a responsibility to the country. You do not have any reason or right to continue to allow the CRIMINAL MANIPULATION to continue.

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