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To: Metals Hearing <metalshearing@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Comment on the issue of position limits on precious metals futures.

Dear Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that extremely large positions are being taken by corporate traders working for the nations largest banks (with access to very large leverage) in the precious metals futures markets. In my opinion, these large positions are used to manipulate the futures market price, and also thereby (since the spot price is calculated by reference to the near futures price) manipulating the spot price for the commodity. These large positions IMHO are taken directly to manipulate the futures and spot prices. The price discovery function of the markets has been distorted and arguably has been broken.

Your role is to protect the proper functioning of the market. Please recognize that and exercise your function, in particular:

1. Please establish a speculative position limit in COMEX silver of no more than 1500 contracts.
2. Please restrict any hedging exemptions from those limits to legitimate hedgers -- not large financial institutions.
3. Please stop the levels of concentration in COMEX silver futures that have been experienced over the past few years on the short side of the market.

Sincerely,

Bob Acker, Colorado Front Range.