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Dear sirs, Thank you for asking for public comment on the issue of position limits for precious metals, especially silver. Position limits on the COMEX should be no more than 1500 contracts, and Exemptions should only be granted to legitamate hedgers. The level of concentration in silver shorts cannot be justified- it is simply market manipulation. I also can see no reason not to identify those holding the largest positions oneither side. Allowing this to continue, especially after the recent revelations of London trader Andrew Maguire would be inexcusable. I thank you again for attemting to finally fix or at least improve this situation before it becomes the next crisis /scandal.

Hopefully, Stephen T. Fichter - Massillon, Ohio

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