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Dear Sir/Ms.,

As a middle class citizen of the United States, I want to thank you for holding hearings about the alleged corruption involved in the trading of precious metals. On the surface, this issue involved a bunch of speculators in a commodity market, but I know you realize that the issue is far greater. It concerns the financial health of the entire country.

I homeschooled my two sons. I remember well when my oldest asked me why the secret service not only guarded the president but was involved in anti counterfitting activities, I told him that there were 2 ways in which to destroy a nation- wreck the government or destroy the currency. Allowing JP Morgan and other big banks to dump paper gold while shorting it to allow the Federal Reserve (a private agency), to print money without checks will destroy our country.

My father fought in WWII, I think of all the people who died so that we could be a country with the most freedoms in the world. I think about the forced news blackout that was instigated by the big banks to keep the story of the Comex holding only 1% gold, and I'm scared for my country and my children.

This is an issue of national security- to allow our nation to be destroyed by the will of JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs for the benefit of 20,000 of so individuals. We were the hope of the world, the cornerstone of idealism and fairness. These last 10 or so years a cancer of greed has nearly strangled the government.

In our past we have faced these trying issues, and by some miracle individuals have emerged who loved their country enough to protect it's freedoms and take huge risks in fighting fraud. Please, say this is still so. You have the power to act to stop the banks, to save our world reputation, to force the government to stop printing money (by showing them if they do-the flight will be to gold). Our forefathers set up a system of checks and balances, gold is a check against the debasement of a currency.

I know I've written far to much, but if you are a mother or father, please consider what this means to our children. Will they look upon the government with total disdain and possibly everything our nation is supposed to mean as hypocrisy. For their sake, please, put real limits on the shorts. Let them read in the history books that the peril that almost broke this country did not come to pass because of people like you.

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