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Dear Secretary :

I don't agree with the proposed policy to radically lower Forex leverage from 100:1 to 10:1 for all NFA and CFTC regulated Forex firms.

This puts US investors and brokers at a clear disadvantage since foreign companies and investors outside the US will continue to have the leverage that you propose to deny US investors. The difference between a 100:1 margin and a 10:1 margin is highly significant and will reduce the number of investors looking towards forex trading as a parttime interest and as a source of income.

Whoever came up with this idea has never traded in the forex market and does not understand the benefits of leverage to the ordinary trading investor.

I commend effort to provide increased consumer protection - however changing leverage is not something I can support given the huge disadvantage it would provide to reduce returns and make US investors uncompetitive on a global scale.