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**To:** Metals Hearing <metalshearing@CFTC.gov>

**Subject:** CFTC - Comment on Gold and Silver Short Position

## Dear Sir;

I'd like to respectively request that you limit the speculative position limit in COMEX gold & silver. Please restrict any hedging exemptions from those limits to legitimate hedgers. Please stop the levels of concentration in COMEX gold and silver futures that have been experienced over the past few years on the short side of the market.

Sincerely,

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