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Subject: CFTC - Please stop the short-side manipulation in precious metals

Please stop the manipulative short selling that is being done by a few large US Banks. These banks, including JP Morgan and HSBC have been systematically manipulating the precious metals market since the mid to late 1980's. This continual shorting with vast amounts of money has damaged my business over the last 30 + years. As a dealer in rare precious metals, these Banks have directly damaged my business and continue to do so.

It was my understanding that the CFTC's job was to ensure a level and fair playing field, in which an open and fair market can be conducted for the buying and selling of various commodities. The commodities underlying my business, gold and silver, have been ruthlessly attacked continuously since 1988 by a few mega corporations. This monopoly manipulation is exactly the kind of thing the CFTC should be preventing, and in this case STOPPING.

Please help, stop the unrestricted manipulative short selling.

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