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Dear CFTC Commissioners:

I applaud your recent efforts to hold hearings on metals position limits. I think that this topic is long overdue for your redress and I am encouraged by your willingness to hold public hearings on this critical issue.

It is my understanding that the mission of the CFTC according to it's plaque is:

"... to protect market users and the public from fraud, manipulation, and abusive practices related to the sale of commodity futures and options, and to foster open, competitive, and financially sound commodity futures and options markets."

Now I will be the first to admit that I am not overly intelligent, but even someone as dull as me can clearly see that when the open interest in silver futures contracts exceeds 800 million oz., and when the silver on deposit for delivery is a mere 50 million oz., that something is not quite right. If my math is correct, that is only a 6.25% backing, which seems alarmingly low.

Moreover, when only 4 or less bullion banks hold the lions share of the naked short position in silver, then it seems to me to be quite obvious that a manipulation is underway.

So perhaps the CFTC should hire less lawyers who clearly have their heads up their backsides and find some folks who not only have some common sense, but the backbone to put a stop to the manipulation that is going on right under their noses-- NOW! If this cannot be done, then the CFTC will go down as just another ineffectual regulatory agency that yet again wastes the taxpayers' money.

Given the willingness of the current leadership of the CFTC to hold hearings, albeit slowly, I remain confident that steps will be taken to mitigate this fraudulent manipulation before it grows any worse. I just hope that my confidence is not misplaced.

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