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## COMMENT

Dear Chairman Gensler,

Weeks have turned into months and years, and the manipulation in the silver market just goes on and on. You and your commissioners know this and yet you let it happen. You tell yourself that you are moving on the issue, but you do not. You may even tell yourself that you can't end it now, you can't risk sending JP Morgan into default, it would hurt the markets, might hurt the country.

So the crooks win, again. The people lose, again. And every day that this goes on only makes the inevitable collapse even worse. Each day everyday Joes get screwed in a crooked market.

Each week, the paychecks the country pays you to be honest, to help make the markets fair, goes to waste.

Perhaps many years from now, when you are standing in front of your maker, you can explain why you didn't do what you were hired to do. It was not safe, it was too hard, they were too big. You were too small.

Every day you are one phone call from having powerful microphones available to you, to expose the scam. And yet you never make the call.

When was the last time you were proud of yourself?



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