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To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Restricting leverage in retail forex trading to 1:10

Dear Sirs,

Please note that I oppose to your idea to restrict leverage in retail forex trading to 1:10.

If you do so you're effectively killing retail forex trading in the USA. The amount of money amateur/part time/private traders would need is too big for 99% of the traders. This would be a waste since for a lot of us it is an extra source of income.

A few traders will stop trading, most will just bring their money to brokers outside the USA who are not restricted by your rules.

This was already done by a few traders when you banned hedging (FIFO rule).

Please note that all non-US based brokers already offer leverages ranging from 1:300 (that's practically the minimum outside the US) up to 1:600.

A lot of US-based brokers are already setting up shop in Asia or Europe now to avoid the FIFO-rule. If you restrict leverage to 1:10 the remainder of the brokers will either take their business and their jobs with them overseas, or they will go out of business since they have no customers anymore.

Best regards,

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