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Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Regarding the RIN 3038-AC61, a 10:1 leverage proposal
I would like to express my objection against this proposal for these following reasons:

- 1) This is not fair because if this proposal applied that mean forex for only rich people, ordinary trader will be out of business, Only the big boys and the wealthy traders will be able to trade as before, ONLY THE WEALTHY CAN MAKE MONEY WITH 1:10 LEVERAGE.... what about the others.
- 2) High leverage is one of the key characteristics of forex trading. If this proposal is implemented, it will practically kill the American forex industry, as traders will move their business elsewhere, the US retail forex industry will become completely uncompetitive.
- 3) This will force all US based companies to open branches in other countries and leave america, this proposal will force US based firms to actually close US offices and just move entirely to UK or another countries.
- 4) It will KILL the US forex firms; not merely hurt it. And it will force US firms to open up UK and EU subsidiaries if not just completely shut down US offices altogether. And if they stay, they will have to raise the minimum opening balance requirement of all new accounts. You simply won't be able to make any decent trades or make decent income if you have less than \$100,000 balance.
- 5) I think it is the responsibility of every trader to understand the concept of leverage before starting to live trade. For many retail traders who have the skills of forex trading, leverage gives them the possibility to access and profit from the forex market. It would be a terrible injustice to impose this new CFTC rule as this would kill the hard work and passion of these traders.
- 6) the freedom and right to choose the amount of leverage that is appropriate for our individual desired risk, and that this basic principle of 'choice'... "democracy" must be at least a genuine direction.
- 7) I believe that most traders will move to UK or other countries' brokers, other countries will sure benefit from this regulation
- 8) when you implement 1:10 rule, most people won't be able to participate in the forex market, also this proposal will force 90% of current retail customers to close their accounts in america.

Are you trying to shutdown the american forex industry ???

Best Regards,,

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