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To Whom It May Concern:

Reducing leverage to 10:1 on US accounts is not a solution for "protecting" investors. Rather it serves to effectively reduce one of the few remaining liquidity opportunities for individuals who have smaller accounts from which to work, and further restrict retail traders from market participation. It will serve to drive more accounts offshore, and increase the already restrictive nature of trading under US rules.

There is already a safety mechanism in place in the FX market; the lot size positioning, which can reduce risk effectively, and is controlled by the trader, not the regulator.

If CFTC wishes to address risk management, it should aggressively enlist or regulate brokers in restricting lot size relative to account size through education and broker participation. For example, no trader with an account smaller than 10K should be trading standard lots as a rule; rather trading lesser sizes until their account can manage the risk required for full lot trading.

FX is not the equities market. It is a different market, and as such must be managed differently. Low leverage is not the answer. Proper, educated risk management by the individual trader is.

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