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As a small trader I believe this goes against us. The 100:1 leverage gives us little guys some fair footing. If you lower it to 10:1 you virtually take us out of the game. The government's actions nowadays appears to be totally against small business and the little guy. Every move that's been made has helped banks and hurt us. The banks got the bailout funds and we can't get a loan. You cut down the leverage and you give them the upper hand again. You need to understand that the little guy is what built this country and is what will bring it out of the hole it's in now.

Leave the 100:1 leverage in place.

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