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To: secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>
Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Re: RIN 3038-AC61

Dear David Stawick,

I am writing in regards to your proposal that will limit the leverage that forex traders can use to 10:1. I have been trading forex for three years now with Oanda. Though I have traded with other companies I find that Oanda seems to have the traders' best interest in mind. I say this because they have always restricted their leverage limits to 50:1 while other companies allowed traders to trade at up to 500:1 leverage. A leverage of 50:1 or 100:1 allows a trader to utilize risk but at the same time does not exploit a novice trader's belief that forex can make you rich very quickly which leads them to over leveraging their account until it's non-existent. I do understand that the proposal would limit this behavior but I feel that other methods should be used that won't impose on all retail traders. Though I don't know the statistics, I do realize that there will be investors that lose no matter what business they choose to invest in, whether it is forex, stocks, or opening up a new restaurant. Unfortunately, with this proposal, you will negatively affect the established traders that depend on forex as a means of providing for their families. Please reconsider your proposal and find other methods to monitor forex trading activities. If you do still find the need to limit leverage limits even after receiving public feedback, hopefully you will consider a leverage such as Oanda's which would be a compromise between allowing traders some risk as well as better regulating the industry.

Thanks,
Charles Sims