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commenter subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

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commenter_comments: Dear Sirs, when I found out about the proposed 10:1

margin levels (article 5.9 Security deposits for retail forex transactions)I was outraged. It appears that the CFTC is in lock step with the rest of big government Hell bent on creating a socialist nanny state. We private citizens are not as naive and incapable of rational financial decision making as the CFTC would like to think. Regulation is fine when it protects the consumer, but is foolish when all it does is restrict the individual from progress.

I've invested a great deal of time to properly delve into the world of forex trading. All along the way I have been warned about the risks involved, not just from the groups that help you learn but from the financial institutions involved as well. We all realize the risks involved and I'm sure there are very few who throw away hard earned money without the understanding that there is significant risk involved.

Has the CFTC forgotten that there are such things as micro accounts and demo accounts available to thoroughly test one's trading methods with little or no risk?

One of the most appealing aspects of forex trading is the ability to leverage your money without interest rates and excessive transaction fees allowing for a more level playing field for the individual investor.

I guess regulation for regulation's sake is the new norm. Maybe someone should consider regulating lottery ticket purchases? No, I don't think those people would be any more interested in the idea than I am of the CFTC's to regulate margin levels! Freedom is often taken for granted until it's gone, I for one shudder at the thought of where this great country is headed!

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