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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding your recent proposal to regulate Forex brokers and transactions by reducing the leverage structure to 10:1, it seems particularly unreasonable and selectively punitive considering the Futures market is closer to 20:1. Why pick on Forex traders in this manner?

I am a part time Forex trader, and I'm all in favor of regulation designed to protect the trader from broker-fraud. For example, I think Forex brokers should be required to segregate funds and carry insurance... the same as with the Futures market... and the same as Forex brokers in the UK and Canada.

But, I think you should leave the leverage structure alone. After all, we traders are not children; particularly in Forex, we know what our risk reward ratios are. Protection from predatory and undisclosed margin abuse from brokers is our main concern, not the leverage and margin call issues.

Please, feel free to require brokers to be ethical and professional, with full disclosure and account protection; but, **leave the leverage structure at 100:1. If you reduce it, you will simply force us independent traders to open accounts with foreign brokers and transfer our money there. How would that help the U.S. economy?**

Thank you for considering this opinion.

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