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I have been trading the FOREX for about two years, and thanks to its leverage otpions (100:1), i have been able to make additional income that has helped a lot when the economy turned around. I can pay 70% of my rent and monthly bills through what i earn trading foreign currency and I believe that a major reduction of leverage will push me out of the market and I may even have to find a second job which is schedule wise impossible. Just with any other market there is risk, but unless i had the billions of dollars that big banks invest in the forex ( and which make them profitable), the leverage reduction would completely shut off the retail traders who rely on this market as a source of income that helps them provide for their families.

If this rule is supposed to help the retail traders, please keep in mind that going through with it, will only force them to exit the market...which is not in my or any other Forex trader's interest at all. It would actually cause harm and damage to our finances.