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**To:** secretary <secretary@CFTC.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed leverage rules change

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Dear Secretary,

Just to let you know that I am a disabled individual who has spent the last 15 months studying how to trade the Forex market. I have made not only an investment of time but of some monies. Now as I am just starting with a \$100 trading account (which is all I could gather together on my limited income) you are about to take this away by supposedly protecting retail traders. For me and many like me, playing the micros is all we can do. If I can add \$50 per month to my account then I am improving my monthly income by 2.5% a month. I have no retirement package and I can not work much at all. I am relegated to my computer screen much of the day. So, not only do I get the chance to trade and make money but I feel a sense of professionalism and accomplishment. All this will be taken away if you change the leverage rules. I understand that some of the other rules may be beneficial but the leverage rule is going to hurt the small trader. Please consider protecting the small retail trader who is attempting to better themselves and provide for their families a better life, not killing the retail trade by putting it out of the reach of so many people like myself. I enjoy trading and with my limitations it is one of the few things in life I can still do. Please do not take that away from me.

Sincerely,

Mark LeClair