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

To whom it may concern:

This note is in **opposition** to the proposed Regulation of Retail Forex **RIN 3038-AC61** in which, it is stated: "leverage in retail forex customer accounts would be subject to a 10-to-1 limitation," which means 10:1 leverage would be the maximum amount allowed for all Forex traders in the U.S.

I am a small forex trader, trading a mini account of approximately \$1000 with a leverage of 100:1. I was severed/early retired from my job of 30 years in 2008. I am currently tapping my retirement account for living expenses and plan to use the small gains in my trading account to offset those living expenses. With a 100:1 leverage, I am able to realize a gain of \$25 - \$75 per trading day. If the leverage is changed to a maximum of 10:1, this would relate to my only realizing \$2.50 - \$7.50 per day, effectively eliminating the cost benefit of forex trading, as well as eliminating the possibility that I can make supplementary income from forex trading. I do not have an extra \$10,000 cash to fund an account.

If you pass this new regulation relating to leverage in the forex market, you will take away the tradability of the market of millions of small retail traders like myself - returning market access to only major traders or the international community. As millions of small retail traders like myself close their U.S. brokerage accounts, I fear that this new regulation would also have the unintended consequence of causing the staffs of these U.S. brokerages to be cut - adding to the unemployment problems here in the U.S. I would also like to point out that as a small retail trader, I don't employ high priced lawyers and accountants, so like the millions of other small retail traders, I actually pay income taxes on the gains in my trading account.

I am not looking for a government handout or bailout. I just want you to consider the impact of these proposed rules will have on "people".

I think you are proposing regulations for a problem that doesn't exist, and the proposed regulation will have significant adverse consequences on the people of the United States. Again, I **oppose** the new regulation.

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