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I am a little guy. I do not have access to a lot of capital. I used to be a computer programmer, but when tech crashed I learned how to trade FOREX. It took some time and I lost a little money but as I got better and better, I made up my losses and made myself profitable. That's a good thing because in this economy there are no jobs for me. I cannot afford to meet the requirements of 10:1 and this ruling would devastate my ability to earn a living. This is not fake. I am real. You will create tremendous hardship on me by passing this. Pleas rethink! Using stop loss mechanisms allows me to set how much loss I am willing to take on any trade. Why isn't this enough? Please, if you have to lower leverage, lower it to 50:1 as I basically trade at this leverage anyway. Please think about us little guys. 100:1 or even 50:1 allows us little guys to participate in the market. This is very important as for some of us, this is the only way we can earn money now.

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"When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying the cross" - Sinclair Lewis

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