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I have invested and traded the markets since 1967. Each investor/trader/speculator has his/her seasons and reasons. My reasons for how much risk I choose to take at this point in my life are very well thought out and are different from the next person's risk tolerance. Just as there is strength in genetic diversity, there is the same strength in the diversity of each individual's risk profile as it relates to market liquidity. And liquidity is the markets' lifeblood. This proposed change is draconian, totalitarian, and simply bad for free markets. I urge you start managing the corruption, the misreporting, the callous regard for law, so rampant among the big players on Wall Street and stop micromanaging Mainstreet.