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Mr David Stawick; Secretary,

Regulation of the Forex industry is important to protect investors and traders. Over the internet it is possible to set up an account anywhere, but I choose to set mine up in the US largely because of the additional safety having a regulated market here gives me. As a US citizen it is also much simpler when it comes to things like filing taxes.

The regulations in the market need to be designed to protect against unscrupulous business practices without getting in the way of tools that may be used by informed traders. No set of regulations can protect traders from being foolish.

The reduction from 200:1 to 100:1 leverage was a reasonable move as few informed traders would approach that 100:1 limit anyway. Although a reduction to 50:1 would be unnecessary I would not protest it. However, an effective Forex trading environment needs to have more flexibility than 10:1 provides.

Putting limits like that in place will encourage if not force serious traders to move money away from US based Forex companies to companies in other countries, in many cases ones without sufficient regulation.

Please reconsider this proposal and let traders make their own decisions with regards to how much capital to risk.

Regards,

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