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Subject: Regulation of Retail Forex

Dear Secretary,

I wish to comment on the proposed Regulation of Retail Forex which will further reduce the leverage allowed from 100:1 to 10:1. I am against it as I do not see this a proper means of consumer protection. The CFTC has already reduced the leverage down from the 400:1 and 200:1 that was allowed on some accounts previously. I believe that was proper. However further reduction is unwarranted. Supposedly this measure is for Consumer Protection? I think not. If The CFTC is so concerned about Consumer Protection, perhaps making sure that there is education in the area in Risk Management techniques would more beneficial. Whether if in the equities markets, futures market or the Forex markets, there will always be people who will lose there money because they are just thinking they can make a quick buck and are not willing to put the effort in learning the proper way to trade. For years people have lost their fortunes because they had no idea what they were doing and thought their stock brokers would tell them the right stocks to be in. Most brokers had no more idea than the investors. I personally have only traded the Forex with on 100:1 leverage, even before there was a limit on the leverage allowed. I think this further regulation is dangerous in that it will drive many people to move their accounts overseas with regulation may or may not be as good as here in the US. The real cause of most complaints against brokers is often the investor just was not careful or got careless in the way they invested. Unfortunately now in this country, there is this idea it is never my fault, it must be the the other guys fault. Investors need to start to take responsibility for their actions. One thing that I have seen with the Forex brokers is that they have demo accounts that make it very easy for investors to learn how the Forex market works without actually having to risk real money. These demo accounts come very close if not actually replicate the live Forex market. I have run my broker's demo account along side my live account and see little or no difference. To my knowledge, no other investment market, equities, options, or futures has such an excellent training tool. In addition, my broker offers all sorts of training for both their potential and actual customers. Forex investors here in the US have just a wealth of investor education tools available to them either free or for a fee. It is just a matter how well one wants to know what they are doing and the effot they are willing to put forth. Please do not over regulate or make the US market so it has so little profit potential that people are driven overseas. We have no sure idea what fraud protection there will be there. Let's keep the jobs and money here at home. Misdirected policies have decimated our manufacturing base here in this country. Please do not do this to our investment services industry. Thank you.

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