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My name is Ireneusz Olszewski. I am a trader with 5 years experience in retail spot Forex and much more than that trading stocks. I have heard that CFTC plan to put limitation on maximum leverage on retail FX platforms to 1:10. My question is why? Let me give you some facts: Go to AMP futures broker and on their site you find out that to open one futures contract 6E which is equivalent of EUR/USD cross on spot FX (another words it is the same price movement like EUR/USD) you need only 500 US dollars. I repeat : 500 \$ is the margin requirements for day trading one futures contract with AMP Futures broker. It means that one can open 172 087,50 \$ (as for March 12th 2010) position with only 500\$. This is leverage of 344 to 1. The same margin is required by Velocity Futures broker. 900\$ is required by Global Futures broker. So if you want to cut leverage to 1:10 do it with futures brokers as well as with retail spot brokers. If you limit only retail spot brokers it is clear even to me living in distant Eastern European country that you do it in CME very interest.

Thank you

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