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Subject: Foreign Exchange 10:1 Leverage Rule

I would like to voice my concerns of the proposed leverage rule limiting foreign exchange brokers to provide 10:1 leverage to it's customers.

Let me start by saying that I understand and respect the reasoning for such a rule. Many would-be traders are lured into the foreign exchange market with hopes of quick profits due to the leverage most brokers now provide. As we all know this is a double edged sword and most traders fail.

I have been in the forex business for quite some time, over four years. I am not one of those who quickly deposited my hard earned money and quickly lost it. I have, for the time I've been involved in the business (and I do treat it like a business), been researching the market and developing my own custom software in hopes to find an edge. My hopes are that I can, in the near future, see my strategies become profitable, providing myself and my family a steady second income. I have been methodical in my approach and have only used demo accounts and small real money test accounts to develop my trading software and strategies. I have not been reckless or utilized a 'gambler's mentality' in approaching this business.

I am telling you my personal story only because I think I represent the majority of retail foreign exchange traders; responsible, methodical, disciplined. There those few in any business that are reckless and have dreams of overnight success. Go to Las Vegas for example and you see the gamblers lose all their money looking for the big score. While on the other hand many people make a living from gambling by researching, having a system and sticking to it. There were many who got sucked into the hype of real estate investing a few years back and many unseasoned would be investors nearly lost it all as the market crashed. While again, on the other hand, many skilled RE investors had the foresight to know the market could not sustain itself and used due caution.

I think in your efforts to protect a few from their own ignorance and greed, the proposed rule would unnecessarily punish the majority of traders, the ones who approach it in a responsible manner. As I don't have access to large amounts of capital, the 10:1 leverage would, quite simply, put me out of business and eliminate any chance of my long term success as a responsible trader.

I do hope you will consider my opinions and many others like me and leave the leverage rules as they currently stand. I believe the current 100:1 leverage is adequate to keep retail traders like me afloat while reducing the damage done by reckless traders.

Thank you for your consideration and have a great day,

Regards,

Bryan Smith