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To Whom It May Concern,

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I am writing to you at the CFTC today in regards to the proposed leverage changes. On which I would like to be clear that I am against, though can understand the reasons for the proposed changes.

First I would like to address the CFTC's loss of original purpose in attempting to regulate leverage. According to cftc.gov "Today, the CFTC assures the economic utility of the futures markets by encouraging their competitiveness and efficiency, protecting market participants against fraud, manipulation, and abusive trading practices, and by ensuring the financial integrity of the clearing process. Through effective oversight, the CFTC enables the futures markets to serve the important function of providing a means for price discovery and offsetting price risk. "

In no way, is limiting leverage a facility of any of those, and in fact places good retail traders at a significant disadvantage. In fact, I could not at this point, nor want to trade forex because the profit potential would be unsubstantial in relation to my current account size. Any regulations by the CFTC would make Forex trading an even more major bank and institution solo game. Trading, as I have found out, the hard way over the past 12 months is all about risk/reward and rather than limiting leverage for every one in the industry, the CFTC in my opinion would be better served in educating participants about risk management.

I hold a Series 3 license and as also as a Student understand the difficulty of trading in the Forex market, yet any of your proposed changes would just make it more so. Possible accomplishments might include less blown accounts but at the same time disable an entire set of independent traders.

Regards,

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