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Good morning.

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market and trading decisions. In fact, I have become even more dependent on the report since the Federal Reserve ceased reporting on M-3.

Recently, it was brought to my attention that your office has requested comments about the COT report, which prompts this message to you today. I am very concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service which is used by so many. What's more, the information contained within the report helps level the playing/trading field just a bit between the "smart money" and the rest of us trying to grow our investment portfolios for our retirement years.

While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. In general, any changes should not result in discontinuing, suspending or delaying, the Commitments' report, and the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Absent historical reference, the report becomes nearly unintelligible.

Again, I urge you to continue publishing the reports. They are a valuable tool for investors throughout the world.

Thank you for keeping our markets transparent with full disclosure to the public.

Sincerely,

Rich Buser

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