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**From:** Scott Monk [geneqco@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:25 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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21 July 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

## **RE: COT REPORT**

It has come to my attention the CTFC has indicated it may stop publishing the COT Report.

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making trading decisions – both with respect to the specific markets reported and also as a form of leading indicator for others.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

While the report may benefit from modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would indicate benefits in more transparency, not less. Any changes should not result in discontinuing, suspending or delaying, the COT report, and the Commission should implement any report changes in a way that maintains the integrity and continuity of historical data. Without a historical reference, the report becomes practically unusable.

**PLEASE ALSO CORRECT THE HEDGER DATA**

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Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject to position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can operate without position limits, and the position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission cannot see that this is the same speculative money, then I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the hedger category for traditional hedgers.

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

I thank you and trust you will continue to keep our markets transparent with full disclosure to the public.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. R. Monk". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Scott R Monk - Director**

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**From:** Michael Sprick [MichaelSprick@t-online.de]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:20 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Subject: COT reports

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. 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 modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying, the Commitments reporting. 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. My specific responses to your numbered inquiries are as follows:

1. As an individual trader, I use the COT report to alert me to sudden position changes that would indicate a reversal in sentiment by a particular trader group. I also look at total positions against their historical ranges to identify sentiment extremes among the various trader groups.
  - a. The size of the commercial long and short totals, as well as the ratio of these, is useful in discovering extremes or significant changes in sentiment within the "trade." Historically, large one-sided positions among commercial traders has indicated a potential price trend change in the direction of the commercial position. Likewise, resumptions in major trends often follow a large change in commercial buying or selling patterns.
  - b. Non-commercial large traders have historically shown a preference for momentum trading strategies and, thus, provided the buying power in bull trends and the selling power in bear trends. I look for a trend to accelerate in the direction of predominant one-sided large speculator

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trading, I anticipate declining large speculator participation and am alert for potential trend reversals when their positions approach historical long or short extremes.

c. In uptrends, the extent that large non-commercial traders are willing to bid forward futures prices to a premium over normal carrying charges gives me an indication of the potential strength and longevity of bullish conditions. In downtrends, momentum selling usually results large speculators holding shorts and net short positions near their historical extremes at price bottoms in both futures and cash prices.

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5. Since the large traders are not identified, only the Commission can judge the need for additional trader categories. It is difficult to understand the distinction the Commission draws between non-commercials and non-traditional commercials. Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can apparently operate without limits and the futures position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission does not view these as equivalent speculative (non-commercial) positions, than I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the commercial category for traditional hedgers.
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7. a. The COT report is not the sole source of trader information. In fact many of these entities report their positions on SEC reports. For the CFTC to quit disclosing aggregate homogeneous positions would actually tilt the playing field in favor of large players who have the resources to aggregate this information from other sources.
  - b. Insiders don't need to "guess" the identity or position totals. They can get actual names from SEC and other (less public) sources and deduce futures position sizes from equity reports and broker contacts. By publishing factual aggregate totals, the Commission only levels the playing field to the disadvantage of potential manipulators who access inside or non-public sources.
  - c. The Commission has already increased the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish Commitments data from 4 to 20. The Commission has to balance this perceived need for privacy of individual trading concerns against the benefits of transparency. It seems to me that a market's susceptibility to manipulation is inversely related to the number of large trader participants. Publishing the aggregate totals in the COT report is the antidote, not the poison.
8. & 9. For simplicity, categories should be consistent for all markets. If the total for a particular category in a particular market is zero, it doesn't take much effort to place it there. This provides flexibility to the Commission in future trader classification. As the Commission points out, the derivatives landscape is constantly changing and new products and non-traditional participants may be just around the corner for any market. And it is conceivable that a future Commission might use a different categorization protocol and categorize positions based on the source of the funds rather than the current practice, which apparently ignores the original source and purpose of the position.
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11. Reportable traders are already required to report speculative positions separate from "bona fide hedges." This is not a hardship, particularly in the case of these large traders, whose reporting is automated.

Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

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**From:** GLI467@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Ms. Donovan,

Please do not eliminate the COT reporting. I am just an individual investor trying to avoid "bad" investment advice from newsletter writers that do not pay attention to the COT data. In the process of trying to figure out if there was a way to avoid the stock market meltdown in the year 2000, I noticed that the COT data would have given me a reason to question some of the advice that was out there for public consumption. I personally know people who say they lost approximately 50% of their retirement money due to such "bad" advice. Yes, I am aware that they were responsible for their individual investment decisions. However, without factual information like the COT data there will be little or no chance for the public to be able to make informed decisions about such matters. Transparency is (I believe) one of the hallmarks of a properly functioning free market. I would much rather see the COT data reported daily than to see COT reporting eliminated!

1. What types of traders in the futures and option markets use the COT reports in their current form, and how are they using the COT data?

More specifically:

(a) How do traders use the COT information on commercial positions?

I watch the difference between the "commercial" and "non-commercial" positions.

(b) How do they use the COT information on non-commercial positions?

I watch the difference between the "commercial" and "non-commercial" positions.

(c) In particular, with respect to information on non-commercial positions, what information or insights do traders gain from the COT reports regarding the possible impact of futures trading on the underlying cash market?

This is not something I try to determine.

2. Are other individuals or entities (academic researchers or others) using the COT reports and, if so, how?

3. Do the COT reports, in their current form, provide any particular segment of traders with an unfair advantage?

The COT reports provide the commercial and large traders with at least a week's delay of privacy. I consider that somewhat unfair to the public.

4. Should the Commission continue to publish the COT reports?

Yes.

5. If the Commission continues to publish the COT reports, should the reports be revised to include additional categories of data—for example, non-traditional commercial positions, such as those held by swap dealers?

I am not qualified to comment.

6. As a general matter, would creating a separate category in the COT report for "non-traditional commercials" potentially put swap dealers or other non-traditional commercials at a competitive disadvantage (since other market participants would generally know that their positions are usually long, are concentrated in a single futures month, and are typically rolled to a deferred month on a specific schedule before the spot month)?

I am not qualified to comment.

7. More specifically, if the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such as adding a category

for non-traditional commercials:

(a) Would it increase the likelihood that persons reading the reports would be able to deduce the identity of the position holders, or other proprietary information, from the reports?

Probably.

(b) Could such persons use information gleaned from the reports to gain a trading advantage over the reported position holders?

Probably.

(c) In such case, in order to reduce the likelihood of publishing categories with few traders, which might provide information giving other traders a competitive advantage over the reported traders, should the Commission consider raising the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish data for a market from 20 traders to some larger number of traders?

No.

8. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, should the reports be revised for all commodities, or only for those physical commodity markets in which non-traditional commercials participate?

All. Any inconsistency will attract the same issues you are attempting to address today.

9. If a non-traditional commercial category were added to markets in physical commodities, what should be done with financial commodities, where "non-traditional commercials" would be essentially an empty category (since, in financial commodities, swap dealers would fall within the pre-existing "commercial" category)?

If "swaps" cannot be broken out, just leave the category empty.

10. The Commission has observed that the non-traditional commercials tend to be long only and tend not to shift their futures positions dramatically--even in the face of substantial price movements. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, would issuing the additional data on a periodic basis, in the form of a quarterly or monthly supplement, be sufficient?

I am not qualified to comment.

11. Some reportable traders engage in both traditional (physical) and non-traditional (financial) commercial activity in the same commodity market. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such traders would have to break out their non-traditional commercial OTC hedging activity into a separate account. Would such a requirement represent an undue burden to those traders?

Yes, it would increase their burden. "Undue"? It would be difficult to convince me that the requirement would be "undue".

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**From:** Frank J. Kaeberlein [frankkaeb@sssnet.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I trade futures both for myself and for my company. The CFTC's COT report is indispensable for my trading strategies.

The Federal Register Notice on the CFTC web site indicates that the CFTC may consider discontinuing the COT reports. As a trader who uses them, I request that you drop this possibility from consideration immediately.

The Federal Register notice also asks several questions which I can attempt to answer from my point of view, if it will help.

1. What types of traders in the futures and option markets use the COT reports in their current form, and how are they using the COT data?

I am a private speculator who trades futures and options, and I use the COT report in its current form.

More specifically:

(a) How do traders use the COT information on commercial positions?

Generally I use only the "commercials" data, and compare it with other sentiment indicators to gauge how I should bias my trades.

(b) How do they use the COT information on non-commercial positions?

I have used this as a supplementary market sentiment indicator.

(c) In particular, with respect to information on non-commercial positions, what information or insights do traders gain from the COT reports regarding the possible impact of futures trading on the underlying cash market?

Knowing something about commercial activity is valuable. If the commercials seem unusually biased toward long or short, there is an underlying reason for it. Most commercials actually deal in the underlying physical commodities, so their futures positions serve as a rough indicator of where they see risk.

2. Are other individuals or entities (academic researchers or others) using the COT reports and, if so, how?

I have performed academic research using COT reports as well.

3. Do the COT reports, in their current form, provide any particular segment of traders with an unfair advantage?

NO. Bluntly, this is a STUPID question. They reports are freely available to everybody. Any trader who needs it can access it.

4. Should the Commission continue to publish the COT reports?

YES!

5. If the Commission continues to publish the COT reports, should the reports be revised to include additional categories of data--for example, non-traditional commercial positions, such as those held by swap dealers?

I think it would be helpful for that particular category to be separated from the traditional commercial positions category.

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I cannot see why a large non-traditional commercial entity, who is required to report activities to the CFTC, deserves its activities to be treated as anything but public information. These entities would not be named in the COT report, so I don't see the harm in creating a separate category.

It may be valuable enough for individual traders to have this separate category, that the CFTC may get flooded with FOIA requests each and every week to provide this. Therefore, now that the CFTC has made me and the rest of the public aware of the capability to create this category, it would be in the CFTC's interest to do so. Do you really want to deal with constantly answering FOIA requests?

7. More specifically, if the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such as adding a category for non-traditional commercials:

(a) Would it increase the likelihood that persons reading the reports would be able to deduce the identity of the position holders, or other proprietary information, from the reports?

Not if the category included at least a dozen or so non-traditional commercial entities.

(b) Could such persons use information gleaned from the reports to gain a trading advantage over the reported position holders?

Aren't commodity funds required to disclose their positions also? If so, why would more transparency create problems, especially if the CFTC reports aggregate data from a dozen or so different entities?

(c) In such case, in order to reduce the likelihood of publishing categories with few traders, which might provide information giving other traders a competitive advantage over the reported traders, should the Commission consider raising the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish data for a market from 20 traders to some larger number of traders?

A threshold of 20 seems high enough. It is conceivable that this threshold should be lowered if, say, 15 of those 20 create unrealistic variations in the traditional commercials category.

8. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, should the reports be revised for all commodities, or only for those physical commodity markets in which non-traditional commercials participate?

I would like to see the report revised for all commodities. I do not know in which markets the non-traditional commercials participate. Further, you cannot predict which markets they will expand their activities into in the future.

9. If a non-traditional commercial category were added to markets in physical commodities, what should be done with financial commodities, where "non-traditional commercials" would be essentially an empty category (since, in financial commodities, swap dealers would fall within the pre-existing "commercial" category)?

The question seems to answer itself: leave the financials as they are.

10. The Commission has observed that the non-traditional commercials tend to be long only and tend not to shift their futures positions dramatically--even in the face of substantial price movements. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, would issuing the additional data on a periodic basis, in the form of a quarterly or monthly supplement, be sufficient?

Quarterly releases would not be useful to anyone but academic researchers. Additional data should be released with every new COT report.

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I am not one of those traders, so I cannot answer this.

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Sincerely,

Anthony Faragasso

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**From:** Ivan and Josee Ballin  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFF. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Sirs

I live in Australia and trade many instruments in many markets.

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(I was appalled at the cessation of the M3 reporting - extremely limiting of vital information, for supposedly free markets, free market forces, in a supposedly free country.)

Now, you propose to limit the COT information!

What next? Complete socialization of markets?

I protest intensely at this proposed move - please leave things as they are, or better yet, bring back M3 information.

We already have enough corrupt practices invading and involving our free markets, without covertly providing the tools for more corruption and cheating, which equates to corporate larceny - to put it simply, stealing (legally they think, immorally I say, and unethically) from those who do not have this information.

Money talks, and big money shouts.

Look at how stacked the deck is:

1. Massive Insider back dating of options
2. Massive Insider selling of stocks while buying back shares for the public to meet EPS requirements
3. Three day delays in COT reports (reports that insiders do not want the public to see at all)
4. Elimination of M3 reporting
5. Short interest stats that come out so infrequently as to be useless
6. Upgrades at the top and downgrades at the bottom
7. Upgrades and downgrades after mutual funds have bought in or sold
8. Debt rating changes happen only after they are totally expected (GM, Ford)
9. Debt rating companies have side business relationships with companies they rate
10. Upgrades and downgrades of stocks during options expiration week and other less liquid times for maximum effect

Obviously I am unable to prove any of the above "Stacked Deck" points, and neither do I accuse anyone.

But isn't that the scam? Keep others in the dark while you steal their money, and only afterwards make the information available so that they are then able to determine their loss?

We do things differently in Australia - we do not have such corrupt practices in the name of a free and

democratic system.

Democratic is what democratic does, not just a cliché to spin off when convenient.

How is Joe Public expected to remain a participant in this?

Australia is the true land of the free.

Do what you have to do, but I submit my request to retain the COT report.

Yours faithfully

Ivan Ballin

## secretary

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**From:** Rodney Moore [uldm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports comment

COT reports comment (7/20/06) in response to:

[Federal Register: June 21, 2006 (Volume 71, Number 119)]  
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COMMENT

Summary:

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it every day when considering trades. It is among the most useful data the government puts out because it comes out weekly rather than monthly or quarterly, and because it has had fewer distortions and adjustments than the Labor and CPI reports.

By providing key market info like the COT report, the CFTC helps maintain a level marketplace and the integrity of the futures market. If the COT report were to be discontinued or significantly altered to mask disclosure, a dark fog would envelop America's financial and commodity markets. Without the information currently provided by the COT report, market participants would be forced to face more risk and probably more volatility in the markets.

Questions... addressed individually:

1. What types of traders in the futures and option markets use the COT reports in their current form, and how are they using the COT data? More specifically:  
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(b) How do they use the COT information on non-commercial positions?  
(c) In particular, with respect to information on non-commercial positions, what information or insights do traders gain from the COT reports regarding the possible impact of futures trading on the underlying cash market?

\*\*\*Individual trader for his own account uses the COT data weekly to analyze the changing patterns of commercial, non-commercial, and non-reportable commitment to the various markets. The current patterns are compared to historical situations (often very different for different markets) in order to ascertain the strength of a trend in prices.

(c) sometimes non-commercial price preferences are seen to be uncorrelated to the underlying market fundamentals.

2. Are other individuals or entities (academic researchers or others) using the COT reports and, if so, how?

\*\*\*Individual, ongoing private research.

3. Do the COT reports, in their current form, provide any particular segment of traders with an unfair advantage?

\*\*\*Generally, no, since the information is available freely to all. However, there may be some fairly large commercial and non-commercial outfits which fall below the reporting thresholds and therefore have a little more cover and less paperwork than those with a larger position.

4. Should the Commission continue to publish the COT reports?

\*\*\* Yes.

5. If the Commission continues to publish the COT reports, should the reports be revised to include additional categories of data--for example, non-traditional commercial

positions, such as those held by swap dealers?

\*\*\*Perhaps, but based on what the Commission presented above, and my own regular use of the COT report, it does not seem necessary.

6. As a general matter, would creating a separate category in the COT report for "non-traditional commercials" potentially put swap dealers or other non-traditional commercials at a competitive disadvantage (since other market participants would generally know that their positions are usually long, are concentrated in a single futures month, and are typically rolled to a deferred month on a specific schedule before the spot month)?

\*\*\*It's possible, and those affected will swear it is so, but maybe not.

7. More specifically, if the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such as adding a category for non-traditional commercials:  
(a) Would it increase the likelihood that persons reading the reports would be able to deduce the identity of the position holders, or other proprietary information, from the reports?  
(b) Could such persons use information gleaned from the reports to gain a trading advantage over the reported position holders?

\*\*\*In most cases, the large entities know who is doing what already, and the proposed category may only help in confirming that to them.

(c) In such case, in order to reduce the likelihood of publishing categories with few traders, which might provide information giving other traders a competitive advantage over the reported traders, should the Commission consider raising the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish data for a market from 20 traders to some larger number of traders?

\*\*\*Keep the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish data for a market at 20 traders (or even lower).  
Better to forget about the finer distinctions than to raise it.

8. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, should the reports be revised for all commodities, or only for those physical commodity markets in which non-traditional commercials participate?

\*\*\*Only for those physical commodity markets in which non-traditional commercials participate.

9. If a non-traditional commercial category were added to markets in physical commodities, what should be done with financial commodities, where "non-traditional commercials" would be essentially an empty category (since, in financial commodities, swap dealers would fall within the pre-existing "commercial" category)?

\*\*\*Add a category for government and quasi-governmental agencies. (joke)

10. The Commission has observed that the non-traditional commercials tend to be long only and tend not to shift their futures positions dramatically--even in the face of substantial price movements. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, would issuing the additional data on a periodic basis, in the form of a quarterly or monthly supplement, be sufficient?

\*\*\*Weekly reports have proved to be most useful, and if additional data were only provided on a less frequent schedule, how would anyone know in what week the shift occurred?

11. Some reportable traders engage in both traditional (physical) and non-traditional (financial) commercial activity in the same commodity market. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such traders would have to break out their non-traditional commercial OTC hedging activity into a separate account. Would such a requirement represent an undue burden to those traders?

\*\*\*In this day of computerized bookkeeping and numbers crunching in all directions, it's hard to imagine that there is any technical burden at all to provide this data since a

well run office should have these facts at hand already.

Have a nice day!

---end comment---

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**From:** DONALD POLLARD [donaldpollard@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Subject: COT reports

July 23, 2006

Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary  
Commodity Trading Futures Commission  
Three Lafayette Center  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20581

Email:[secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov)

Subject: COT reports

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. 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 modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying, the Commitments reporting. 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. My specific responses to your numbered inquiries are as follows:

1. As an individual trader, I use the COT report to alert me to sudden position changes that would indicate a reversal in sentiment by a particular trader group. I also look at total positions against their historical ranges to identify sentiment extremes among the various trader groups.
  - a. The size of the commercial long and short totals, as well as the ratio of these, is useful in discovering extremes or significant changes in sentiment within the "trade." Historically, large one-sided positions among commercial traders has indicated a potential price trend change in the direction of the commercial position. Likewise, resumptions in major trends often follow a large change in commercial buying or selling patterns.
  - b. Non-commercial large traders have historically shown a preference for momentum trading strategies and, thus, provided the buying power in bull trends and the selling power in bear trends. I look for a trend to accelerate in the direction of predominant one-sided large speculator trading. I anticipate declining large speculator participation and am alert for potential trend reversals when their positions approach historical long or short extremes.
  - c. In uptrends, the extent that large non-commercial traders are willing to bid forward futures prices to a premium over normal carrying charges gives me an indication of the potential strength and longevity of bullish conditions. In downtrends, momentum selling usually results large speculators holding shorts and net short positions near their historical extremes at price bottoms in both futures and cash prices.

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2. The Haig working paper on the CFTC website lists 41 related scholarly works, many apparently using COT data, and this is probably not a comprehensive list.
3. Market transparency is the antithesis of manipulative advantage, and the COT report makes US futures the most transparent of any exchange in the world. Do traders change their tactics based on data in the COT report? If they do, those reactions are promptly reported in next week's issue. This self correcting feature is unusual in a potentially market-moving report.
4. The Commission must continue publishing the CoT report.
5. Since the large traders are not identified, only the Commission can judge the need for additional trader categories. It is difficult to understand the distinction the Commission draws between non-commercials and non-traditional commercials. Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can apparently operate without limits and the futures position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission does not view these as equivalent speculative (non-commercial) positions, than I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the commercial category for traditional hedgers.
6. The COT report is not the only source of information regarding the potential size and timing of investment fund rolls. Even if it were, the market would soon arbitrage out any unfair advantage. Transparency is the antithesis of manipulative advantage.
7.
  - a. The COT report is not the sole source of trader information. In fact many of these entities report their positions on SEC reports. For the CFTC to quit disclosing aggregate homogeneous positions would actually tilt the playing field in favor of large players who have the resources to aggregate this information from other sources.
    - b. Insiders don't need to "guess" the identity or position totals. They can get actual names from SEC and other (less public) sources and deduce futures position sizes from equity reports and broker contacts. By publishing factual aggregate totals, the Commission only levels the playing field to the disadvantage of potential manipulators who access inside or non-public sources.
    - c. The Commission has already increased the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish Commitments data from 4 to 20. The Commission has to balance this perceived need for privacy of individual trading concerns against the benefits of transparency. It seems to me that a market's susceptibility to manipulation is inversely related to the number of large trader participants. Publishing the aggregate totals in the COT report is the antidote, not the poison.
8. & 9. For simplicity, categories should be consistent for all markets. If the total for a particular category in a particular market is zero, it doesn't take much effort to place it there. This provides flexibility to the Commission in future trader classification. As the Commission points out, the derivatives landscape is constantly changing and new products and non-traditional participants may be just around the corner for any market. And it is conceivable that a future Commission might use a different categorization protocol and categorize positions based on the source of the funds rather than the current practice, which apparently ignores the original source and purpose of the position.
10. Users of the COT report have benefited with each and every increase in reporting frequency. Less frequent partial reports create doubt, cloud transparency, and can't help anyone besides inside players.
11. Reportable traders are already required to report speculative positions separate from "bona fide hedges." This is not a hardship, particularly in the case of these large traders, whose reporting is automated.

Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

Donald E Pollard

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Signed

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Fort Myers, FL 33908

**COMMENT**

**secretary**

**From:** Ned Naylor-Leyland [ned.naylor-leyland@smith.williamson.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please lodge my feelings that UK fund managers are most distressed that the crucial COT reports are being threatened with extinction.

This is an important tool that needs to be as frequent and transparent as possible.

Yours

**Ned Naylor-Leyland**

(Investment Manager)

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From: trendtrader1@aircanopy.net  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 9:05 AM  
To: secretary  
Subject: COT Report

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**Greetings:**

**As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. It is a major input into the decision to enter the market.**

**I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.**

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

**Rowan Parsons**

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**From:** Doug Terry [dougsaddress@ozemail.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Mr D. Terry

PO Box 1092

OXENFORD QLD 4210

Australia

21.7.2006

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Yours Faithfully

Doug Terry

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**From:** wayne baseley [wbase@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Thank you for keeping our markets transparent with full disclosure to the public.** Wayne Baseley [wbase@charter.net](mailto:wbase@charter.net)

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**From:** olivier JAKOB [ojakob@petromatrix.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports  
**Attachments:** cftc Jul24.pdf

Comments on COT Reports as per Federal Register June 21 2006-07-24

Some answers to your questions:

1. The COT data is reviewed each week and is one of the key input into some market transparency. We use it as a key trading input.
2. We use the COT report as a key input to our market analysis (see attached report) and so do most market analyst
3. We do not believe that the COT report provides any trader with an unfair advantage
4. We think that it is imperative that the Commission continues to publish the COT report. This report is the most important input in regard to market transparency and stability of the market. We think the Commission should pressure other markets (ie Intercontinental Exchange –ICE-) to publish similar data.
5. We think that the Commission should revise the reports to publish positions held by Swap dealers as well as Commodity Indexes. The most important development in the market recently has been the launching of many new commodity indexes (such as the Goldman Sachs GSCI) and such positions should be treated separately and not included in the “commercial” section.
6. We do not think that it will put them at a competitive disadvantage as the information can be re-couped separately
7. Due the increase of such non-traditional commercials we do not think we could be able to deduce the identity of the positions holders, they are now too numerous companies involved (and why it is more necessary now then before to report such categories)
8. We think it should be done for all commodities as non-traditional are now active in all commodities
10. We think the data should be published weekly
11. It would not necessarily add too much an additional burden as they already have a reporting procedure in place.

Other comments:

We feed the COT report is essential to market transparency and stability and we would be disturbed if the publication of it was to terminate. We are also favorable to the creation of an additional category for non-traditional commercials as they are now the main force driving the market direction.

With Best Regards

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**From:** Veronique Lashinski [Veronique.Lashinski@fimat.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** secretary@cftc.gov. "COT reports"

- The commitment of traders report is extremely important and provides valuable information. Pls keep it coming!
- If anything, it would be useful to have it released with "data as of ....(same day as publication date)".
- Make it easier to download in excel file, for example like the dept of energy reports, with full history etc.  
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Thank you very much

Véronique Lashinski  
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**From:** Mike Liimakka [mikel@pinnacle-engineers.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 10:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my opinion about the possible discontinuance of the commitment of traders reports. I view this report at least monthly and consider it a valuable tool in making determinations about the market. Please do not discontinue it.

Mike Liimakka, P.E.

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**From:** Ian Prittie [iprittie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 10:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Comment on Commitments data

In response to your request for comments, i would like to say that the publication and flow of this data is very critical to market transparency and offers the public very important protection. It is critical that the committments data remain collected and published.

Sincerely,

Ian Prittie

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**From:** TinknKath [tinknkath@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 10:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Fwd: COT REPORTS

As a trader I have an exemplary need for the COT REPORTS and do not wish to have the reports discontinued as .gov did with the M3.

Thank you  
Ray Erickson

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**From:** t mccoey [tandmoe@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** secretary

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,  
PLEASE CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE COT REPORT ENDING I THINK THAT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA.

SINCERLY,

TOM MCCOY

**secretary**

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**From:** FISHFOR200@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** ORT Reports

Sir:

I am writing to strongly request that there be no cessation of the publishing of the COT reports on their usual weekly basis. This is a serious intrusion of the Right to Know principle. Thank you

John F Stockfisch MD

7/24/2006

## secretary

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**From:** Susan Hurowitz [brindle42@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To whom this may concern,

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesdays.  
Perhaps, CFTC could remove or shorten the time delay of 3 days.

Thank you,

Susan Hurowitz

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**From:** Roy A. Fellars [roy@carlsonlabs.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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

Very truly yours,

Westway, Inc.  
Roy A. Fellars

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**From:** D [danjsam@rogers.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Please continue publishing the COT Report thank you.

**secretary**

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**From:** Jamie Dean [jddean@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not eliminate the COT reports or limit them to once a month. This is absurd.  
Thank you,  
J Dean

**secretary**

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**From:** Craig Ullery [CUllery@baaqmd.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I am ***opposed*** to the discontinuance of the COT reports.

Craig Ullery  
386 Dove Lane  
Petaluma, CA. 94954

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**From:** Ted Love [tlove@nxs.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 4:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

This email is in reference to your proposal to eliminate the COT reports. I say DON'T DO IT. This is one of the few things that government actually does that is good for the investing public. Without it the public is facing a stacked deck. Lack of information allows for market manipulation by a small number of large interests.

This will be another step in destroying public confidence in the financial markets. I can not understand why you would take a step in this direction.

Most important of all this is a freedom of information issue. Suppression of information is not healthy for a free and capitalist society. I have already contacted my congressional representative (James Duncan) and my senators (Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander) to investigate what you propose.

If anything, COT reports should be expanded to a *daily basis*, with a time delay of no more than 3 days.

Again, I implore you not to eliminate the reporting of the COT reports.

Ted Love  
Knoxville, TN  
865-584-5623

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**From:** Jane Waldron [jane.waldron@ns.sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Sir/Madam,

With disgust and horror, we are taking note of the incredible corruption and manipulation of your markets on a daily basis. We also see where many individuals have made valid complaints and the evidence presented is now overwhelming. Yet, these complaints are completely ignored. Any discussion of withholding the COT reports that are so important and vital to making investment decisions indicates to us there is even more to hide. We are also appalled that the M3 reports are no longer published. As a result, we are advising our clients transfer out of their US investments until we see evidence that your markets are free and fair for all players with an **increase** in transparency and integrity.

Jane Waldron, CFP

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**From:** Russell Floyd [floydrj@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

As a small commodities trader, I review the COT report every Friday. My desire is that the CFTC would continue to make this information available to the public. In fact in this day of information, my question is why we do not receive this data on a daily basis?

Thanks

Russell Floyd

**secretary**

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**From:** Martin T [planetcrossing@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

Dont turn off our lights.

Martin.

"As the Sun was placed in the sky greeting her planets, the day that brought you into this world... and no power is able to destroy such an engraved form which develops while living." *Wolfgang von Goethe.*

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**From:** Sandro Iaboni [siaboni@sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:22 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Are you kidding,

You're thinking of ending the publication of the COT (Commitment of Traders) report??

Let's see, first M3 becomes a mystery thanks to the FED, and now you're thinking about this: disgusting.

It's quite convenient in an environment of spiraling inflation to not have to show these numbers to the public,

but I guess I'm too cynical. I'm sure these are very necessary moves 'for the good of America', and the timing is just coincidental.

What happened to the free country that was once the USA? What possible reason and right do you have

to keep this information from the good people of America?

One more thing; when are you folks going to finally investigate the disgusting and ever present short position in the silver market. Do something useful for a change instead of making the markets

less transparent.

Sandro Iaboni

**secretary**

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**From:** Gale Gallagher [pippitrader@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:15 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

I am appalled that you would consider eliminating the COT Data, there should be better access to these reports rather than less or none. Please reconsider the decision to eliminate the COT Data, there are many traders that use this data to determine trades and it is unfair to limit the opportunity for a level playing field. Just another way that Government limits opportunities for the little guy???

Gale Gallagher  
Albuquerque, NM

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**From:** ALEXANDRA BLAIR [alexblair@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:14 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

To whom it may concern:

I would greatly appreciate more frequent and timely COT reports.

Yours truly,

Alexandra Blair

**secretary**

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**From:** Alan Arnold [arnoldag@mchsi.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:03 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

For some time now, there has been a disturbing trend, that the political regime in power wants total information on all Americans, regardless of Constitutional limits. However, at the exact same time, they seek to hide, restrict, or simply cease providing information on any and all aspects of Government operations - in spite of the fact that we, as taxpayers and Citizens, ultimately both own and control the Government, regardless of the political complexion of the current occupants, in a Constitutional Republic.

The decision to omit reporting of M3, the broadest measure of the money supply, already had ominous implications with the current administration running up unprecedented and catastrophic debts, regardless of its supposed "conservative" label. Now, it is apparently proposed to cease publishing the weekly Commitments of Traders (COTs), a very important informational resource in day to day free market operations. This is another marker for the Ominous Trend: make it easier for the powers-that-be to game the system, while concealing their actions from an already befuddled citizenry. Such actions, for the immediate advantage of a few, only hasten the Day of Reckoning for all.

Instead of hiding information, more information should be provided, at more timely intervals, which can be done easily and cheaply in this era of the internet.

Sincerely,  
Alan Arnold  
[arnoldag@mchsi.com](mailto:arnoldag@mchsi.com)

**secretary**

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**From:** Ray and Debbie [thereaumes3@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We would appreciate more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Sincerely,

Raymond and Deborah Reaume  
Gibraltar, Michigan

**secretary**

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**From:** Dave MacNeill [davemacneill@eastlink.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:01 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

*Enough is being said about why the US gov't may drop the COT reports so I won't go there.*

*They are useful reports so please continue them*

*Dave MacNeill  
Aylesford, Canada  
902-847-9571*

**secretary**

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**From:** Szaller [bobby557328@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please keep this report

**secretary**

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**From:** Alan Richman [asr@mindspring.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:49 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please continue publishing the COT reports. As a small trader I find these reports very useful.

Alan Richman  
Kamiah, Idaho

7/24/2006

## **secretary**

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**From:** Birgit Farber [burbi@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Sirs:

By trade I am a teacher in the public school system. On occasion I read one or another of the websites of the financial persuasion, and, so, became aware of a proposal which would limit the quantity and quality of the information available to the public via the Commitment of Traders reports.

If there is substance to this allegation, I feel uneasy. Why would the CFTC choose to make such a change? If the United States supposedly fights totalitarianism globally, and one of the hallmarks of dictatorship is control over information, then one would think, we should assure the widest possible circulation of these data, along with education such that a wider portion of our citizens could avail themselves of the figures. If, in fact that the opposite is true, that your Commission seeks to close off this source, then is not such a change rather more anti-democratic? We are assured as to who suffers: the public. Who benefits?

I ask that your Commission preserve the status quo ante...a truly conservative position...that all may, to the limits of their abilities, benefit from this fount of data.

Thank you.

Burt Farber

**secretary**

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**From:** Norman Powell [nfpowell@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:47 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

To Whom it May Concern

Please be informed that I consider that weekly COT Reports are critical to maintaining a robust free market in commodities futures trading. Specifically, I feel that eliminating or reducing the frequency of the COT Reports will significantly disadvantage the small investor/trader and accordingly is inconsistent with the basic principals of a free market.

Norman Powell  
4551 College Ave  
Ellicott City, Md 21043

7/24/2006

## secretary

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**From:** Andy Freiburghaus [freiburghaus@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

First we eliminate the M3 then we work on eliminating the COT data,talk about transparency.

Whats next?

As it is, I use the COT data and would prefer to have the data on a daily basis, I hope its not your intent on reducing the COT data.

Andy

**secretary**

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**From:** Marson Corbly [wcorbly@centurytel.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:38 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Sir ; It has been brought to my attention that you wish public comment on the COT reports. My feeling is that this eye opening information should be released at least every 48 hrs.

In this day and age of nearly instant communication I can think of no reason for the scarcity of reporting.

Thank you for your consideration,

W.M.Corbly

**secretary**

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**From:** Tiger [america1931@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

**Please keep the COT report ... how else will we know what's going on ... thanks ...**

## **secretary**

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**From:** gcummings8@cox.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please keep publishing the COT reports. They are necessary for traders.  
Sincerely, Lee cummings      yelenacummings@msn.com

**secretary**

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**From:** AssetBond@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs:

Our market letter has about 1 million readers. Eliminating the COT report, will undermine faith in the Government!

We value and respect a government that offers valuable information. We hope you would like to remain in a country that has respect for its government.

Keep the COT Report!

Respectfully;

**Richard Benson**  
**President**  
**Specialty Finance Group, LLC**  
**2505 S. Ocean Blvd., Suite 212**  
**Palm Beach, FL 33480**  
**Member NASD/SIPC**

**Tel: 800-860-2907**  
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**secretary**

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**From:** russ [winterruss@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Sirs,

I am a smaller trader and view COT reports as intriguing to my trading activities. Let you give me my verdict on this. If these reports are removed I will no longer trade futures markets, end of story.

Russ Winter

**secretary**

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**From:** RedShawn@webtv.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

please do not eliminate the COT report!

**secretary**

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**From:** Larry [larssolaris@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

July 22, 2006

Dear Secretary:

The contemplated change in reporting is both unwarranted, unfair, and unwise. How are the numerous small to medium-sized traders supposed to remain even remotely comparable with the privileged "big guys", if easily available, timely information sources like the weekly COT are scrapped?

*Nearly every modest-sized investor or trader I am aware of strongly opposes this proposed change.*  
Thank you for your attention.

Yours,  
Lars Solaris

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Groups are talking. We're listening. Check out the [handy changes to Yahoo! Groups.](#)

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Collinge [rcollinge@satx.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Market efficiency relies on information. Perfect competition, the ideal, assumes perfect information. Removing the Commitment of Traders report would reduce information, which in turn would move the market further away from the efficiency of perfect competition and further toward the inefficiencies and inequities of asymmetric information. That is exactly opposite to what regulatory policy is for, unless the goal has changed from promoting public welfare to promoting insider interests. For these reasons, **I urge you to continue publishing the Commitment of Traders report.**

If the information in the COT reports reveals unwarranted concentration that can lead to market manipulation on either the long or short side, the solution is not to bury the data, but rather to take action against the manipulators. For example, my reading of the highly concentrated short position in the silver market is that it has been used to knock down silver prices, which has transferred a lot of money from my pockets to those of the manipulators. If the Commitment of Traders report helps identify the culprits, that is good not bad and appropriate regulatory action should be taken. If I am misinterpreting the Commitment of Traders reports in this regard, then the appropriate action is to clarify their meaning, not eliminate them.

Thank you for your request for input. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Robert Collinge,  
economist

**secretary**

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**From:** Cierna Colazo-Lopez [colazo-lopez@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:48 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

As it is one of the few remaining sources of useful information for investors available to the public, I urge you to continue the publishing of COT reports.

Sincerely,  
Cierna Ritts

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Ralph Rice [Ralph.Rice@lrmc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Continue to distribute the COT Report. It is a vital tool for small investors and it helps to level the playing field against the Fat Cat, Good Old Boy, Insiders who think that the financial markets are their private playground.

Thanks,

Ralph Rice, Assistant Director  
Environmental Services  
Lakeland Regional Medical Center  
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**From:** John S. Kane [johnkane@unisys.com.br]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:24 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot reports

Do not stop the information we need! John S. Kane

**secretary**

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**From:** Deb [rhine@olypen.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reporting

Dear Sirs,

WE ask for a more timely reporting of the COT rather than less. You are takeing more and more tools away form the little guys buy and selling. You expect us to make more money for retirement so we take the heat off the government and SS yet you do the darnest to keep us in the dark. Why do you favor those who have plenty and take form thse who have little? You took away the M3 and now the COT why to favor the wealthy power players and smash the rest of us. Thanks allot. I guess you prefer more poverty more dependence on the government less independance, and absoluty no freedom of information act. I'm sorry to hear that. An American who loves freedom,  
Deborah Reinertsen

## secretary

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**From:** Leland [lelandwilkins@myway.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hello,

I was recently informed the CFTC (Commodities Futures Trading Commission) has indicated that they may stop publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report, pending input from the public by August 20th.

Please consider the following:

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it everyday when considering trades. It is about the only piece of data the Government puts out that I actually think is useful. So when I found out this information might be taken away happen I was very disappointed, but unfortunately not surprised at all. I find the growing propensity of the US government to walk all over freedom of information appalling.

By hiding key market info like the COT report, the marketplace is no longer level, and free market integrity is deeply in question.

At a time when data is easy and cheap to gather we should have more data not less data. It seems the SEC, the CFTC, the FED, and various other government agencies are acting to restrict the flow of information. Many people are upset about the cancellation of M3 reporting and fear the same will happen to COT data.

COT reports come out on Friday reflective of positions as of Tuesday. In this electronic age, they probably should come out once a day or at least with a 1 day time lag vs. the current three day lag.

In summary, my input is that the COT report should be published MORE frequently and it certainly should not be eliminated.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Leland C. Wilkins

**secretary**

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**From:** Steve Smith [steve@ntelex.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The time has come for the CFTC to provide *more timely reporting of COT data...*

Your discussion pertaining to eliminating the reporting runs directly against the Freedom of Information Act.

It is imperative the CFTC remain transparent in their operations.

At present, the data offered by the COT is about the only tool you provide citizens with.

*Steve Smith*

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**From:** Jack Wiley [jtwiley@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:19 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot reports

This is just one more step closer to achieving the Bush agenda. The Bush agenda is "freedom". Take away the freedom and create a dictatorship. This will stop illegal immigration.

Now, you say, take away the "COT reports" so that I as a "retail" trader, who is only trying to create an equivalent lifestyle for retirement with out the Governments help, can not have an advantage of creating to much wealth for my retirement. BUNK I say.....just BUNK ! ! !

Concerned citizen,  
Jack Wiley

**secretary**

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**From:** billydirvine@juno.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:18 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

My opinion would be to increase the frequency of the COT reports, not eliminate the report.

**secretary**

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**From:** Geoff Gallo [geoff@banyansec.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:18 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Transparency is essential for free markets. The Commitment of Traders report must be maintained.

Sincerely,  
Geoffrey P. Gallo

**secretary**

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**From:** Tom and Cindy Downs [tcdowns@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:18 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Do not remove it!!!!!!

**secretary**

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**From:** james tsang [jtsang888@msn.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:16 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please do NOT discontinue timely and public COT reports in any way or fashion!

Thank you

James Tsang

**secretary**

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**From:** John A. Sarkett [jsarkett@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:15 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please keep the COT report intact.

Sincerely,

John A. Sarkett

**secretary**

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**From:** Scott Lineback [lineback@knology.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:16 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please keep providing the COT report. I cannot believe you are even thinking of not providing the report.

Scott

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** David Passalent [DPassalent@strategicanalysis.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear CFTC Secretary:

It has come to my attention that the CFTC is considering the elimination of the Commitment of Traders Report (COT Report). I can think of no valid reason why this market information should not be made public. If anything, I would go one step further and suggest that the report delay be shortened (currently three days) to a one day lag AND release the report more frequently than just once a week.

We at Strategic Analysis find the COT Report highly useful in our market analysis and believe that its elimination would be detrimental to our business and our clients. I'm sure that many small investment counselors like us would feel the same way.

Sincerely,

David Passalent, MBA, CFA  
Vice President and Portfolio Manager  
Strategic Analysis Corp.

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**From:** freundtrader@msn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

the weekly reporting of COT should continue. they are a relevant tool in the average investor's workshop.

respectfully,

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**secretary**

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**From:** scott stewart [s\_stewart101@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:14 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

As a trader/investor that is interested in my own financial well being (the government certainly isn't) I don't want any delays in the COT report.

To put it plainly, history shows that whenever governments get involved in the overall economy they screw it up.

I should have some measure of control over my own destiny.

Scott Stewart

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**secretary**

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**From:** William Bradley [wtbdoc65@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT data reporting

Dear Sir:

As an active trader, I believe the COT data reports should be released twice weekly in order to keep the data current enough so as to be useful to all that use it. If this is not possible, keep the reporting on a weekly basis so as to be relevant enough to be useful.  
Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

William Bradley

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How low will we go? Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.

**secretary**

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**From:** Jerry John [j.john@charter.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:13 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

AS a commodity futures trader, I use the COT reports extensively and urge that they NOT be eliminated. Thank you. Jerry John.

**secretary**

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**From:** PATRICIA BILASKI [mike3435@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Do not stop reporting the commitment of traders report. It is valuable to all of the people in this country.

## secretary

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**From:** yps@planet.nl  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Why why why why, must the COT report be kept in the dark?

F. Peters Sengers

**secretary**

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**From:** Dennis Leontyev (Home) [hedge1208@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please keep reporting the program the way it is. It is important for so many investors and traders.

Dennis Leontyev  
Hedge Fund Manager

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**From:** Todd Kowaluk [todd-@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:10 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

It is xtremely important that you increase the Cot Reports not eliminate them  
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Todd Kowaluk

**secretary**

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**From:** Gianluca Tonti [gtbroker@tiscali.it]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear CFTC,

data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days may be a good change.

Best regards.

Gianluca Tonti

**secretary**

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**From:** Maximp0414@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader.

If you cease to provide this valuable information you are aiding and abetting theft by insider trading.

The subtrifuge of hiding the M-3 was bad enough, and NOW THIS!

EJD

**secretary**

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**From:** JK Brokers [trading@jk-brokers.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:06 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please improve the frequency and accuracy of the COT reports. Don't stop publishing them.

**secretary**

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**From:** VacationManSteve@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

please odn't stop them !!!

**secretary**

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**From:** CaptCbt@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

**What we need in the public arena is more data and information, and it should be in a more timely, complete, and readable fashion.**

**Candidly, in this age of ease in gathering and organizing data with computerization the COT Report should be issued at least twice a week; or possibly a web site that provides daily committments at opening and closing with auto-computed changes and any of a variety of annotations. This is information and data that should be made available to EVERYONE, and no such information should ever be "fronted" to anyone for prerelease inspection.**

**secretary**

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**From:** Denny Jackson [denny@minetfiber.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:43 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

DO NOT eliminate or reduce in any way the COT reports. This is vital information for traders. Suppressing it only adds to the growing suspicion that the integrity of the free market has been compromised.

Dennis Jackson

**secretary**

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**From:** Terry Easler [teasler@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

This report is vital to my investment activity. I have read that it may be discontinued. Please continue it.

Regards,

Terry Easler  
Destin, Fl

**secretary**

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**From:** Daniel Williams [penger56@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I oppose stopping publishing of the COT reports, in fact I urge the CFTC to provide MORE timely reporting of COT data.

In this age of information when data are easy and cheap to gather, we should have more, not less, data.

The flow of timely information is vital to a free market economy.

Daniel Williams

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Do you Yahoo!?  
Everyone is raving about the [all-new Yahoo! Mail Beta](#).

**secretary**

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**From:** Mike Runge [mike@runge.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

CFTC:

Do not cancel, delay, reduce, or diminish in any way the COT report. Instead, make it more timely, and more frequent.

Today we have computers, and generating data is faster, easier, and cheaper than ever before. Make the data available to everyone not just the big boys.

Something smells bad here.

Regards,  
Mike Runge  
Palo Alto, CA

**secretary**

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**From:** SJoshi5457@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:29 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Re: stopping COT reports

Dear sirs,

I feel that you will be doing a large disservice to the investment community by ceasing to post the COT reports. If anything you should be looking to improve the frequency and reducing the time lag of this report.

Thank you

Sanjiv joshi

**secretary**

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**From:** Mannie Brummer [abacus1@iafrica.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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World economies and markets rely on stability which is made possible by a diverse investor and speculator group. Limiting market information will only increase volatility, increase the have and have not gap, crime and social demise.

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

**PLEASE ALSO CORRECT THE HEDGER DATA**

Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject to position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can operate without position limits, and the position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission cannot see that this is the same speculative money, then I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the hedger category for traditional hedgers.

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.

Manni Brummer

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**From:** laz pitts [diamonteazul@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

what are you people thinking, or better yet are you thinking!! then again maybe thats most of the problem, you seem to think you always know what's best for everyone else!!!! NEWS FLASH here people!!!! by what right, do you believe (in relation to your public fiduciary duty) that you should, either not have to report to the general public the COT...or at the very least water it down any further (by the timing of it's' release) the usefulness that it provides the "others, (ie. the small investors)" really, we are alot smarter than you people tend to give us credit for ....

lets see here if i've got this right !!! first you fudge 90% of the data you present us, second we deliberately get it sent out so late that it becomes less pertinent or almost useless, and to do what is proposed (stop reporting COT all together) certainly would seemingly only serve to be of benefit to a very narrow, select group of insiders.....and here i thought that was, at a minimum, less than honorable, lacking any vague relation to exhibiting any sort of integrity.

first it's the FED screwing us out of M3 reporting, and now, you have the gall to propose the further censorship of information. will you next take away all maps from the public too? (eg. former, [or so they're insisting] U.S.S.R. manipulators..... didn't your mothers and/or fathers teach you that it's one thing to be a character, and completely another to have character!!! i'm sure you'll soon be showing us your true colors.

just love what you've been doing with turning a blind eye to the paper shorts on silver for years....i don't want you to feel bad though, i already have very low expectations as related to your everyday performance of your fiduciary duties anyhow!!!

in closing, i am herein putting into writing, for the record, my personnal opposition to the proposed censorship of information by the ending of the public reporting of the COT.

thanking you in advance for taking your time and thoughtful consideration by reading these personnal comments about the proposal under discussion.

sincerely,

l. pitts

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**From:** Mel Chiogioji [mel@meleassociates.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Am concerned about the possibility of the elimination of the COT report. This report should be published more often say once a day so it is useful instead of less often. This is needed so we can make more considered decisions.

Melvin H. Chiogioji

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**From:** Pamela Howard [cadphoward@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports!

7/21/2006 2:11 AM  
COT reports!

It is essential that we have more information, not less! As business men we can decide our own financials!

Regards, Mr. Howard CASAC (RET)

CSPLLC

Chairman

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**From:** Ed [emaiden@internode.on.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I have only just started to get the report so I am still evaluating and learning about the info

I think that it would be beneficial if report was available before the 3 day period

Ed

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**From:** Manny petriolis [mannyp1@optonline.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:04 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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Not cot reports?  
Who makes these decisions?  
And something else..... what next?

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**From:** Frank Boelen [fvboelen@lisco.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:03 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Hello

I've been told you may discontinue the C.O.T. data.

I find this data very valuable and hope you continue to provide this information.

Thank You

Frank

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**From:** LarkEdward@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

The quicker we can get the report the better. If you look at freecotcharts that chart is clearer to see then yours but it doesn't have the actual figures or open interest which is very useful.

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**From:** WFGERRY@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT data

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
ANALYTICAL AND POLICY SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20520  
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WWW.TREASURY.GOV

We need more timely COT data, not the elimination of it. It is bad enough that the government stopped publishing M3 info. Stop stacking the deck against investors, specially the little guy!

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**From:** John Keberlein [johnkeb@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

**Gentlemen, I understand you are considering to eliminate the COT report. I would like to urge you to reconsider and keep this report coming and even have it come out more often. Since we are able to gather the data electronically I'm sure this would be possible and should be more current than it is now. Thank you for you consideration.**

**John Keb**

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**From:** Susan Savarese [oldegolde@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I would like to see these reports on a daily basis. If you are withholding information, that is vital to investment communities, that is illegal. We are not a closed society. If all of our private records are open to the government, then these records should be open also. Thank you for your consideration.

**secretary**

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**From:** Arlene Grahek [afgrahek@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:49 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I am urging you to provide more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Arlene Grahek

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**From:** Stephen Alexanian [stephen7@nycap.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep producing and distributing the Commitment of Traders reports. It is helpful information for many different people and to stop it would make me suspect as to why. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Alexanian

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**From:** David Hendrickson [DHendrickson@ColoradoCollege.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was astonished to learn that the CFTC is considering the abandonment of the commitment of traders report. At a time when confidence in the financial markets and our free enterprise system has weakened, it would be an extraordinary lapse of judgment if these figures were no longer made available. They are of indispensable importance to the public's understanding of the commodities and financial futures markets. Rather than abandoning the reports, you should instead make them more up-to-date.

Yours sincerely,

David Hendrickson

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**From:** Janpelvf@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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COMMODITY FUTURE MARKETS

We would like to express our desire that the COT report be issued on a regular and frequent basis so that a level and honest field be maintained for all traders in the commodity markets.

Alan and Janine Van Fleet  
Redwood City, CA

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**From:** Daniel [daniel@reasbeck.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COR Reports

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**From:** DEJYHO@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot Reporting

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I want Cot reported twice per week vs. once a week vs. eliminating it all together. Thank you and start being fair. Dan

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**From:** PAUL JACKSON [pj1234@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sir,

For a multitude of reasons it is important that the COT reports be maintained at least as they are or if changed, changed to be more timely.

Paul Jackson - a small investor

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**From:** Dave Quade [papaquade@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:30 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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These reports need to be more often and more timely. Maybe daily with no more than one day lag, or better yet SAME DAY reporting!!!!

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**From:** BandB227@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Please don't keep me in the dark. Keep the reports coming.

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**From:** Geoff [gabetts@netvigator.com]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 5:51 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Data

Dear Ms. Donovan,

It is with dismay that I have read of the possibility of the CFTC discontinuing the COT data reports! Please be aware that there are a vast number of us who rely on this data in the course of our trading analysis. The removal of this data from the public domain would be a devastating blow to many. I sincerely request that you consider our interests as well before finalizing your decision. Thank you for your attention.

Geoff Betts

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**From:** BCIWN@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 8:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not stop publishing the weekly trader commitments. They are very important to us speculators in taking positions in the markets. Without them I will no longer have an important investing tool that that will make my work more like gambling.

Thanks, Walker Noe

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**From:** Jaime Aleman [jaleman52@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 8:03 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please continue to publish the COT Reports. Small individual traders need more not less transparency and information.

Sincerely,

Jaime Aleman  
Miami, Florida

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**From:** William ODeil [William.ODeil@mpls.k12.mn.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 8:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report suspension

Dear Secretary,

Please do not stop publishing the COT report. If anything, it's frequency of publication should be increased.

Thank you,

William ODeil

MIInneapolis, MN

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**From:** frank marsico [fmarsico@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 8:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To: Secretary CFTC

I follow the COT report very closely and look forward to it weekly as a necessary trading tool for we small traders.

Please do not drop this report [program and in fact move the report up so it reflects more recent information. We need to see who is where in their commitments. I thank you for making the report weekly from the bi-weekly report I use to follow years ago.

Feel free to contact me on this.

Sincerely,  
Frank Marsico Jr.  
Rutherford, NJ

emai: fmarsico@verizon.net

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**From:** Peter Jones [pjones@wellington401k.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Ladies/Gentlemen,

With regard to the possible discontinuation of the COT reports due to lack of public benefit, please wait until all public information regarding insider selling of equities has been abolished first as such information is equivalent to, but not as important as, the COT reports.

Thank you-

Peter Jones, CFP

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**From:** WILLIAM CIESLA [billciesla@optonline.net]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:06 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

It is an ominous sign of an increasingly-secretive government that no longer publishing the COT report is under consideration. Please reject this. Thank you.

Bill Ciesla

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**From:** waj12634@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Sirs

Please continue the COT report each week in the same format.

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**From:** Bill Burdette [wrb@IDCdeposits.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:29 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am concerned that our Government is not doing things for the right reasons – rather than encourage disclosure and open markets like it preaches to other countries, the Government is increasingly closing down sources of information – encouraged by a Republican administration that doesn't even allow dissenters to come to their political rallies (smacks of NAZI control). There is an eerie feeling that the Federal Government, guided by special interest business lobbies, is now more interested in maintaining control for the few, not allowing others into their little privately controlled process. In order for the public to continue to trust our Government, I feel that it should bend over backward to allow information to continue to be available – more available, not less. Please do not shut down the COT report. You're sending out the wrong message to the people you are supposed to support.

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**From the desk of William R. Burdette**

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**From:** Ron Susel [rjs11@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** weekly COT report

don't eliminate the weekly COT report. we're getting more like Russia every day. shame on you for even thinking about it. there is simply no justification for it.

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**From:** Harold Gaboury [hgaboury@videotron.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Hello

I am writing to let you know that in my opinion we definitely need more timely reporting of COT data.

Harold Gaboury  
a trader

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**From:** Hallett7@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Dear CFTC,  
Please **do not** stop releasing the weekly COT data. The transparency it provides is necessary to have any trust in the markets. Rather than eliminating the reports, they should be released daily or at least without the current three day lag time.  
Sincerely,  
Thomas Hallett  
Zionsville IN

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**From:** Leslie & Mark Donaldson [lvd@mstarmetro.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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The COT report is valuable and needs to be published more often not less often. If possible it should be published with no lag (eliminate the 3 day delay).

What is the intent or purpose of changing the reporting pattern?

As a private individual I am already at a severe disadvantage. Lets not make it worse.

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**From:** rmdeason [rmdeason@insightbb.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Please do *not* stop publishing the COT report!!

Mike Deason  
2907 Winchester Road  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

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**From:** Phil Holmen [pnjholmen@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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We do not want any more government obfuscation of information. This is a "free" country and government, being influenced by the likes of Goldman Sachs, wants to operate in secrecy. Do you have something to Hide??? Phil Holmen

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**From:** Jim Keller [jakjay@wavecable.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

**PLEASE ALSO CORRECT THE HEDGER DATA**

Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject to position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can operate without position limits, and the position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission cannot see that this is the same speculative money, then I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the hedger category for traditional hedgers.

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, James A Keller Jr. Port Orchard, WA

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**From:** Rosenbaumoz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Gentlemen: The elimination of COT reports would be another blow at the small trader similar to the elimination of M3. Is it the administration's aim to make the life of the small trader more onerous?

I know that you are only interested in forwarding the position of big business but remember this country and its prosperity are founded on the small entrepreneur. rosenbaumoz@aol.com

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**From:** Philip Carroll [phicarroll@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir:

I have been given to understand that there is a movement afoot to discontinue the public's access to the important information in the COT reports. This prospect, coming as it does right on the heels of the highly suspicious and questionable suspension of the M3 reports, is, to say the least, alarming. What is your real intention here?

And please don't tell us you have determined that the reports aren't really necessary. The truth is that in this computer age of much easier reporting, they should be issued twice a week--if not daily.

Yours truly,  
Philip Carroll

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**From:** MERLYN HEARN [merlynhearn@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reportrt

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JUST DON'T DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You know what I mean. Any body of government that is wanting to behave as you are belongs with the Nazi party. Personally, I don't understand why we have to put up with you. But what you are trying to accomplish will bring shame to yourselves that will last for generations.

Remember, you may hide what you are doing, but someday God will expose EVERYTHING and you will appear as naked as the day you were born.

Diana Hearn

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**From:** Doug Simon [DSimon@agrisk.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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The COT reports have been a very useful tool for the commodity industry; however, with the influx of index funds the reports have become less informative because the categories are muddled. The COT reports would improve immensely by adding a category for "index funds" and removing them from the "commercial" category.

Sincerely,

Doug Simon  
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**From:** David Murray [dbmurrays@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please don't do away with the COT report. If anything we can use more timely reporting, rather than doing away with the report. Regards.

David

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**From:** Mark Moore [abaydawg@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Dear Sirs,  
We need more information, not less. Please release the COT info in as timely a manner as possible. I need this info for my personal analysis.  
Thanks,  
Mark Moore

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**From:** Joe Thompson [jo-dy@cottonboll.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:18 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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CFTC

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I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

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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.

Joe Thompson  
Burns Flat OK

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**From:** Jeff Ewins [jrewins@att.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:18 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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The American financial markets are exemplary of open competitive markets with transparent reporting systems and controls to ensure a "level playing field" for all market participants. The proposed discontinuation of the COT report is a threat to the fairness of this system, and clearly provides a competitive advantage to the hedge funds over the individual investor / trader. As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions and am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books, and continues to serve as a valuable resource for individual traders.

In my opinion, the CFTC has a responsibility to provide quality information to all competitors in the market arena and not tilt the scales in favor of the larger participants.

While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less.

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I strongly 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.

Regards,

Jeffrey R.Ewins  
1211 Lynnmore Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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**From:** marilyn hopkins [m.hopkins@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:18 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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PLEASE CONTINUE ISSUING THESE REPORTS. WE NEED THEM .

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**From:** William Koehler [billights@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Please do not eliminate. We need more frequent reports.  
Thank you.

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**From:** Marak, William C. [WCMARAK@arkbluecross.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I understand that you are about to discontinue publishing this report.  
I consider that to be an indication that there are some real problems with the markets.  
Bill Marak

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am not sure I understand where or how the public is served by elimination of this report. I am not a professional trader but I do read various analysts comments on where the market is going based on this information. If you stop making the information part of the public domain you have strengthened the position of one side of the trade at the expense of the other, and normally the position of the professional or commercial trader will benefit. I would urge you to hold hearings or go on CSPAN asking for public comment while explaining what the ramifications are. If the public does not respond then you can do what you like, but I think this needs to see the light of day before a decision is made.

Thanks

Malcolm Duncan  
[mduncan@lonestarfl.com](mailto:mduncan@lonestarfl.com)  
254.752.9735

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**From:** Bubba Wayne [bubbawayne@co5music.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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JUL 21 2006 11:03:30  
CFTC.COT@SECURITIES.DICP

Dear Sir

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:14 AM  
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**From:** Robert Coviello [bobinyelm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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SEC. OFFICE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE do NOT end the COT reports as you propose to do.

It is valuable information that investors need and the public deserves to have propagated.

Robert Coviello  
Waxahachie, TX

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**From:** Wayne Yun [yunwy@rogers.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Regards,

Wayne Yun

70 Boake Trail, Richmond Hill

Ontario, L4B 3H2 Canada

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**From:** Lloyd Spence [northernthaiguy@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:22 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Please, sir, continue the COT Reports. I need that information as I make my trades. Really, it would be nice to get it 2-3 times a week, instead of just once a week - it would be more timely that way.

Thank you.

Lloyd Spence

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**From:** Daniel Berenson [dberenson@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

7/21/06 10:09 AM

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear CFTC:

I am totally opposed to the possible elimination of COT data being made public. The public needs the markets to be as open as possible. Already M3 numbers are no longer available. I do not understand why less data is being made public. How will that help anyone? The public needs to know how the "big boys" are acting to help curtail any manipulation of markets.

Daniel Berenson

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**From:** Mackin Grain [mackingrain@netins.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

10:06 AM (10:06 AM)  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am totally against you discontinuing the commitment of traders reports. How else will we know whether or not it is raw speculation driving a market or true fundamentals. Do not drop that report.

Sincerely,

Jack Mackin  
Mackin Grain Company  
102 West 3rd Street  
St. Anthony, IA 50239

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**From:** Root, Dr. John [RootD@memorialhealthsource.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

7/21/06 10:09 AM  
OFC. OF THE SECRETARANT

We need this information to trade effectively. Don't cut it please.

John Root  
3000 N Main St  
Altus OK  
73521

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**From:** Stephen Nerlick [snerlick@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

JUL 21 04 11 03 37

OFF. OF THE SECRETARY

To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that the CFTC is considering not reporting the Commitment of Traders (COT) report. I would like to take this opportunity to express my outrage at this latest move to reduce transparency and accountability in the markets. The COT report allows the public to see what is going on in the commodities markets and provides data which can be used to show market manipulation.

The publishing of the COT is one of the major pieces of evidence that analysts such as Ted Butler uses to show that there are concentrated short positions in the Silver market which are bringing the COMEX close to defaulting. If a rogue commercial bank were to generate lots of naked shorts it is possible for the bank to suppress the price of a commodity without ever having the possibility of covering those shorts...blatant price manipulation. Publishing the COT provides the necessary light to show the misdeeds of market manipulators.

In conclusion, I think that the COT is a key check to the power of large commercial players manipulating the market. I do not know the reason you have considered not reporting the COT numbers, but proposing that markets be less regulated and less transparent is not something a government regulatory commission like yourselves should be doing. As a taxpayer and US citizen I cannot support or understand your thinking on this and I ask you to reconsider.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Nerlick

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**From:** Tim Hettman [timhettman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I have heard that you want feedback on your proposal of stopping the publishing of the COT reports. I use these report regularly and ask that you CONTINUE to publish these reports. Tim Hettman

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**From:** Richard S Grant [rsgrantdt@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

7/21/06 10:08 AM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sir, The COT report is extremely important data that needs to be made available to the public on a daily basis with as little delay as possible. Thank you for your time, Richard Grant

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**From:** Michael\_Wright@adp.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

FRIDAY, JUL 21, 2006  
10:08 AM  
COT REPORTS

To Whom It Concerns:

The recent revelation of a possibility of the elimination of the COT reports has caused great consternation to me and my colleagues. In an era where computers have made the reporting of data both swift and convenient, it is inconceivable to me as to how the elimination of government data and reports could possibly be construed as a positive occurrence for the American public. If the public needs, and requires, anything it is more data, not less.

I would hope that the members of the CFTC would re-think their current position on eliminating the valuable COT reports.

Sincerely,

Michael Wright  
ADP National Account Services  
(Ph) 515-875-6206  
michael\_wright@adp.com

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**From:** Wirostko, William [wwirostk@mcw.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 21 10:07  
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William Wirostko

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Wauwatosa, WI 53226

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**From:** xxxx [tdkarstens@sasktel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:06 AM  
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**From:** George Luburich [gluburich@altaa.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**George Luburich, II**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**ALTA Capital Holdings, LLC**  
**325 N. Wells St. # 1010**  
**Chicago, IL. 60610**  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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We again face losing more useful information while the minions in Washington spew out government controlled data, propaganda, twisted data, and rip away our freedoms. Washington is not trusted by anyone any longer and yet we all face losing more and more of our freedoms to factual information while the loop and its cronies reap unearned and unlawful benefuts.

You bastards are no better than some of the same enemies we fight to preserve our freedoms. No politician or government employee has the least bit of respect from the public let alone any trust. You eliminate the M3 and now want to eliminate the COT Report. Let's all live in the dark so Washington can continue to twist and turn the truth and continue to build its power.

Remember, all great societies of the past crumbled from within and not from outside forces. You are making sure AMERICA will be added to the list.

Signed: A tax paying law abiding voter.

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**From:** max wulff [wulff@apk.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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keep the COT we all need it  
thanks  
Max

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**From:** Stephanie Amspaugh [Stephanie.Amspaugh@USHWorks.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it every day when considering trades. It is about the only data the government puts out that I actually think is useful. So when I found out this information might be taken away, I was very disappointed -- but, unfortunately, not surprised at all. I find the growing propensity of the U.S. government to walk all over freedom of information appalling. By hiding key market info like the COT report, the marketplace is no longer level and free market integrity is deeply in question.

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**From:** Darrell Altus [darrellaltus@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Sincerely,

Darrell Altus

1602 England Rd.

Arlington, TX 76013

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

JUL 21 2006 8:59 AM  
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I strongly oppose any attempt to eliminate COT reports. Why should this information be denied in a free society?

**secretary**

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**From:** BYRON SMITH [bsmith@omnicityusa.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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CFO. OF THE COMMISSION

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**From:** James Ewing [jhewing@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

21 JUL 2006 08:59

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Don't stop publishing the COT report. it goes against the core of free market practice and philosophy and only benefits those who will still have the information.

James Ewing  
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Water Mill,  
Ny 11976

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**From:** qicheng ma [qichengm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:41 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT program

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**Attachments:** CFTC is currently reviewing the COT program

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Thanks,

Qicheng Ma

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**From:** Andrew Lukaszewich [andrew.lukaszewich@softwarerorth.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** cot@softwarerorth.com; cotp@softwarerorth.com  
**Subject:** CFTC is currently reviewing the COT program

The CFTC is currently reviewing the COT program.

**Might drop the program if not enough individuals respond to the inquiry.**

Please take a minute of your time to send a email to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov) with the subject "COT Reports" regarding what you would like to see changed in the COT reports:

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Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days.

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Thank you,

Andrew Lukaszewich  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:41 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

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I wish you to continue publishing COT reports. Do Not eliminate them. In fact they should be more timely. Marshall Mueller

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**From:** sherry yeh [syiamgod@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Greetings,

I am an individual trader who uses the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC may discontinue such a great tool for traders.

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Respectfully,

Sherry Yeh

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**From:** jeanmarie ploe [jeanbzh2@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:41 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

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please send me the COT Report. Thanks.

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:14  
OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hello.  
Please continue publishing COT Report. Or, better yet, replace it with online real time data, even with associated fees.  
Thank you.  
Alex Shainsky

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**From:** Deep Mangat [deepsmangat@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:49 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Review of the Commitments of Traders Reporting

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CFO. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hello:

Is there a movement to end COT reporting completely?

This would be a huge hinderance to the stabilization or market volitilty; and it could limit the entry of smaller investors into the domestic futures market.

Please let me know what is happening here.

Thank You  
Deep M

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**From:** Victoria [vicy123@one.lv]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

PLEASE ALSO CORRECT THE HEDGER DATA

Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject to position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can operate without position limits, and the position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission cannot see that this is the same speculative money, then I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the hedger category for traditional hedgers.

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

If anything is changed the COT report should be issued more quickly; certainly it should not be discontinued or changed reducing its value in any way. It is a very valuable report!!

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

Sincerely,

Albert Philips  
330 W 4th St, Suite 28  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

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**From:** Rob Wilen [rw1134@wilen.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFF. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing as an individual investor to express my dismay upon hearing that the CFTC is considering doing away with the weekly Commitment of Traders report.

To me, this is a big step backwards in market transparency. I would urge the Commission to take precisely the opposite action, and move to publishing this data daily.

For traders, investors, hedgers and researchers, this information is vital. The reputation of futures market, which has always suffered from suspicion of being gamed by the big players, could take a turn for the worse without this critical window into what said big players are doing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Wilen  
482 Fulton St.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301  
650-321-0335  
rw1134@wilen.net

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**From:** Fred Zayas [frzayas@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports.

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Let's not do away with the COT reports! Please! In fact, my request is that you make it more timely...

Thanks.

Fernando Zayas  
Loveland, Colorado

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**From:** Ken Schmitt [kenschmitt@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:14  
CFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

The CoT weekly report is one of the most useful pieces of information available for public traders like me.

In this electronic age, they probably should come out once a day with results posted for the previous day. This would be the most wonderful situation. The only thing better would be having the results posted live.

I greatly hope that you are considering more timely posting of the CoT reports. Some traders that I know are afraid that your solicitation of comments means that the government is considering terminating the CoT reports, and we all hope that this is not true. Termination would be devastating to our ability to trade effectively and would probably mean that a number of us would have to close our accounts, because there is so little useful information available to us. As a result we are at a great disadvantage relative to the large trading houses.

We really need the CoT--and the more timely the better.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Schmitt

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**From:** Lhull16@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:30 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Sirs:

I must most strenuously object to the proposed cancellation of this report. I find the info useful as a small trader without a lot of information assets. I do not understand the reasoning for discontinuing the compilation and publishing of this report.

I contend that the more information available to the public, the greater confidence the public will have in the markets.

Again, I object to the discontinuance of the publication of this report.

Respectfully,

Larry Hull  
PO Box 489  
China Spring, TX 76633

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**From:** Margie Fincham, RN, MSN [mfincham@surewest.net]

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:32 PM

**To:** secretary

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

**Subject:** COT Reports

Although I am not a trader myself, I read all the reports that I can find to use to advise my broker. Information for making these advice decisions is already lagging in time to advise for trade. Please don't allow the COT reports to be degenerated to less than once a week.

Thank you,

Solo el amor prevalece.

Margie Fincham, RN, MSN

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C.F.T.C.**secretary**

**From:** Jonathan Dickey [fback63@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

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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.

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**From:** Jerry Ellis [jerryis@excite.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please continue publishing the COT report. A fair market relies on all the involved parties having access to the same knowledge.

Jerry Ellis  
2212 E. Folley St  
Chandler AZ 85225

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**From:** Don Lawson [dlassoc@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:09 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Why are you stopping the COT report ??  
This is valuable information for investors. Especially for the smaller investors.  
You have already stopped the M3 report which was also valuable to us.  
Why are you so intent upon keeping small investors in the dark ?  
Our gov't. is becoming more secretive every day. Why ?  
Don Lawson

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**From:** David Rockaway [rockaway@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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CFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

TO: [Secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:Secretary@cftc.gov)

From: David Rockaway,

Please note that I am on Disability Income which is a very limited income therefore I trade the futures contracts to supplement my income thus I am an individual trader, and I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making my market decisions. Without this COT report I would not be able to trade with a profit.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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

David Rockaway

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**From:** RICHARDSINT@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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While the report may need modification, please continue to offer the service as close to it's present format as possible to the individual trader.

Thank you,

Claud C. Richards  
11711 Pecan Creek Dr.  
Houston, Texas 77043  
home: 281-531-8119  
work: 713-465-3912  
Cell: 832-567-0270.

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**From:** Bill Phillips [billsphillips@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hello,

I like the COT Reports and use them. Please don't discontinue them.

Sincerely,  
Bill Phillips  
1372 Allison Ave  
Canon City, CO 81212

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**From:** Jeff Bradshaw [j.bradshaw@comcast.net]

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:15 PM

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**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports - Do Not Eliminate

I protest and strongly disagree with any future plans to eliminate the COT report. The report is so valuable, it should actually be improved by report positions once every day. In this age of real-time, I have to believe somebody has immediate access at all times to this information.

As a small player, I am at a disadvantage to insiders with much information.

I look forward to your positive response.

Jeff Bradshaw  
93 W. Bohemia Lane  
Clovis, CA 93619

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**From:** James D. Clifford [dexclifford@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

We need more frequent COT reports, not the elimination of them. They help level the playing field for all size traders.

James D. Clifford  
334 Heritage Dr  
Rochester, NY 14615

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**From:** duey [duey\_w@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

We respectfully expect more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

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**From:** HShapley@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please do not discontinue Cot reports.  
Make them more timely.

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C.F.T.C.**secretary**

**From:** MCBRUE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:20 PM  
**To:** secretary; MCBRUE@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

In the 30 or so years I have traded commodities and been a winner, the biggest help has been figuring out what the large professional and commercial traders are doing. This ability is the hallmark of the United States Markets. The COT report provided by the CFTC is what does this, gives the information about the positions of the large and small traders. It is essential information for us small and mainly republican traders.

I have also used the COT report to help me succesfully time hedging and marketing of my crops from my farms. And I have helped other farmers do the same.

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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.

Mark C Bruels, PhD, DABR, DABMP  
22 Doyle Drive  
Greenville, SC 29615  
[mcbhue@aol.com](mailto:mcbhue@aol.com)

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**From:** Corbert van Dam [corbertvandam@sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:20 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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do NOT eliminate COT reports but have them reported daily instead weekly

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**From:** Pete Keber [pkeber@island.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:23 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

**Attachments:** pkeber.vcf

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Please maintain the COT reports as they are. The public must not be deprived of information that they have had access to for so long.

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**From:** Egoldsbe@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

To whom it may concern,

I want to express my beleif the the public should have access to more and not less information as it pertains to the market place we live and work in. If your request for comment about the COT reporting is to find out if the public uses this information - it does. As I have stated we more and better timed reporting not less.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,  
Eric Goldsberry

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**From:** Sizemore0409@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I am writing to you to strongly urge that you maintain the status quo with regards to the publishing of the COT Reports, which represent information which is VITAL to many investors.

Thank You;

Andrew Sizemore

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**From:** Vern Senft [ambernet@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:55 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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The data provided is an important tool for me. I have no real need for any changes to the format.  
Vern Senft

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**From:** DICK HUFF [huffri@chartermi.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:59 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please maintain the cot reports as these are one of the most important trading tools for us small time traders.  
Thank you!

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**From:** Steve & Abby Phillips [stamp@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:11

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please do not suspend this report or further delay the statistics it affords. The COT is a very useful document which helps keep the playing field level in the futures markets. Eliminating this report or debasing its current utility will be seriously detrimental to the public interest.

Sincerely,

Steven Phillips  
2107 Fullview Drive  
Ada, OK 74820

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**From:** John K [jpk157@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I ask that you please continue the COT reports. They are a valuable and much needed tool in our industry. Please do not discontinue these very important aid to our trading. I do not want this report to disappear like the M-3 report. Please remember that you are supposed to be serving the people - not the other way around.

JPK

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**From:** Michael Fang [fangm@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:00 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

If CFTC is even remotely concerned about serving the public interest, CFTC should INCREASE the frequency of publishing the COT reports (such as daily), and not use lame excuses to try to restrict market information. In today's electronic age, there is no reason why CFTC can't publish the COT on a real time basis. But I realize that won't happen -- after all, that would actually mean CFTC is actually seriously trying to be a regulatory watchdog and serve the public. Therefore my only hope at this stage is that CFTC stop monkeying w/ the precious few things that are actually useful -- such as publishing the weekly COT report. Is that too much to ask?

Excuses such as "too much paperwork," "lack of meaningful definition of 'hedger'/'commercial'/'speculators' are not credible coming out of CFTC's mouth. In fact, they sound like a blatant, bald-faced lie. They are as credible as the Fed, being a money-printing operation, saying that publishing the M3 report and its attendant data gathering is not cost effective.

What a joke.

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**From:** MARION RADECKI [mjradecki@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:01 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

The cot report is of interest to me.  
Please don't delete the report.

Respectively yours,  
Marion J Radecki

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**From:** Richard Remick [rremick@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:00 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Regarding the COT reports I think it is important to keep reporting the information. So please keep the report if anything the frequency should be increased to make it more useful. With our current technology I cant see any reason that should be very difficult.

Richard REMick

**secretary**

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**From:** charann [charann1@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To Whom It May Concern:

I would sincerely appreciate it if The Commodities Futures Trading Commission continued publishing the *COT* (Commitment of Traders) report. It has played a huge roll in my success in the stock market.

Thanks you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Charann Horvath

**secretary**

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**From:** Greg Anderson [gpa@culverin.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:03 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reorts

Please do not eliminate the Commitment of Traders report. It is a valuable tool for investors and aids us in deciding when and where to invest. It is changes like this that make investors suspicious of the CFTC and its motives. It appears there is a desire on the part of the CFTC to make commodities trading even less transparent than it already is. I don't know who is best served by this lack of transparency but it is not the small trader.

Sincerely,

Gregory Anderson  
Rapid City, SD

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** jaaub@esperar.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:05 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I use the COT reports, and would like to see them issued on Monday based on Friday's data, instead of issued on Friday, based on Tuesday's Data.  
Thank you.  
Jay Goldby

**secretary**

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**From:** Cseverts@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Secretary;  
I would like your agency to continue sending the COT Reports..  
This is public information, and as such should be made conveniently available  
Thank you .  
Charles S Everts M.D.

**secretary**

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**From:** Dario Zgoznic [angelo853@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Heitman, Donald H.; OGC Internet Mail  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To: Eileen Donovan, Acting  
Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette  
Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

From: Dario A. Zgoznic  
851 Valley circle Dr.  
#104  
Saline, MI 48176

Ms. Donovan,

I wish to comment on the COT Reports that are currently under review by your commission because I read recently that there is the possibility that the CFTC may no longer publish this data.

These reports have proven to be of utmost importance for those of us who trade the various commodity markets; therefore, it is imperative that the COT Reports continue to be published and released to the general public. I am a small trader and use the information provided in the reports to make some of my trading decisions. Also, several of the trading services I subscribe to use this information to inform their members.

So please continue to publish the COT Reports. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dario A. Zgoznic

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**From:** Mitchel A Langford [malemail@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:30 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not eliminate the COT reports. As a small trader, I use these reports to get a feel for what the major traders are doing.

**secretary**

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**From:** brian nelson [vikingace44@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:31 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Please have the decency to continue the COT Report.

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**From:** ken montgomery [kenmont@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Ridicules. We need more timely info not elimination of same. Makes it seem like those who's job it is to protect our freedom and opportunity would rather restrict our chance to compete.  
Extremely disappointing, DON'T DO IT  
Ken Montgomery

**secretary**

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**From:** John Goodrich [John.Goodrich@maxsp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please stop interfering with the distribution of useful financial information. The government is becoming our enemy. The refusal to publish M3 was clearly intended to avoid disclosure to the market of the excessive liquidity generated by the government, to keep citizens in the dark. It's the wrong policy, and the grounds for turning out the current government.

John B. Goodrich  
Executive Chairman, MaxSP Corporation (408) 746-0861 (direct)  
(408) 746-0800 (general office)  
(650) 520-8968 (mobile)  
(650) 746-0888 (fax)

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**From:** Kevin Mc Cabe [mccabeinla@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please continue publishing the commitment of traders report. I would also encourage you to publish the COT report daily, as opposed to weekly. I find this information very useful and would hate to see it discontinued.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mc Cabe

**secretary**

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**From:** div5web@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Secretary.

I understand you are reviewing the COT reports - these reports are extremely important to me as an individual trader, and in principal, for a free country that allows its citizens to know what the power interests are doing in the market. In your review, I would appreciate it if you consider the importance of making this information more timely, perhaps with one day lag in place of three, and of more exactly identifying hedging activity.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charles Haney  
Wilton, CT

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**From:** Paul Nichols [pfivecents@adelphia.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:34 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my disappointment at the prospect of eliminating public access to the weekly COT report. This is vital information for individual investors who wish to understand market trends. Eliminating such information stacks the deck against individuals and towards institutional trading. This is against the American way, where freedom of information is expected.

Sincerely,  
Julia Nichols

**secretary**

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**From:** Christ Anastoff [anastoff@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Dear Sirs:

Please do not eliminate, or decrease the publishing dates, of the COT Report .If you do, I will see your action as government hiding information from the citizens of this country. You have already taken the information of M3 away from us. I would like to see the M3 report reinstated. In fact, I believe that the technology exists today, that these reports could be published daily. That is probably why you want them eliminated.

I am sorry to say I believe many of the liberties granted to the citizens of the USA in our constitution are being taken away from us by our present (and Past) administration and Its bureacracies. It seems to me that so many of us that have served our country in the armed forces, have been duped into thinking it was for the good of our country. It appears to have been good for special interests, not the people that government is supposed to represent.

Sincerley,  
Christ Anastoff

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**From:** John Ficquette [jficquette@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:35 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

7/20/2006 9:35 PM  
COT Reports

Hi,

I am a non professional trader of the futures markets. I find the COT reports very useful. If possible please release them daily instead of weekly. The "big guys" know the score. It is us "little guys" who don't have access to inside information that suffer. Please help level the playing field for us.

Sincerely

John Ficquette

760 525 2268

**secretary**

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**From:** Arnold Cohn [amcohn@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Continue to maintain and publish the Commitment of Trader Reports. In this electronic age, why can't the reports be issued on a daily basis?

Arnold Cohn  
S.F., CA.

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**From:** Anthony Faragasso [ajf1111@epix.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Hello,

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days.

Thank you  
Anthony

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**From:** DRW0113@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

FRIDAY:

TO whom it may concern:

I depend on the COT report being available regularly and use it as a basic tool in my trading experience.

It would be a shame to lose it.

Richard Wyatt

**secretary**

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**From:** Laurence Perrin [lperrin@bigpond.net.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sirs

Investors and market participants need more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it. Please look to INCREASING the frequency of distribution.

Yours sincerely  
Laurence Perrin

**secretary**

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**From:** lenz1@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:02 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Sir or Ma'am,

The CFTC should definitely continue to publish the Commitment of Traders report on a weekly basis. Thank you.

Mark Lenz  
Individual investor

**secretary**

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**From:** BISBEEHANK HENRY [yardta@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please do not stop publishing the COT. And please pay closer attention to the silver market. Thanks, H. Schafer, 208 Black Nob , Bisbee , Az. 89506

.....home # 520-432-9118. "Everything can be taken from a man but ...the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."--Frankl

"Men are disturbed not by things, but by the view which they take of them."--Epictetus

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**From:** eugene bungert [fighting81st@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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lets stop the BS!! do not stop the COT report !! i will e-mail this to many others!!!

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**From:** Milton Hinshaw [milton@hinshaw.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I certainly subscribe to the call for more time COT reports. Why cannot a daily report be published with, say, a one day lag.  
Thank you for your consideration of this request.  
Milton L. Hinshaw

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**From:** Capersweinberg@cs.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Gentlemen:

Please give me a reason as to why you desire to make the job of investing im commodities more difficult by eliminating this report? I for one do not intend to invest in this sector if it is eliminated.

Stanley C Weinberg

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**From:** Gary [info@biwii.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep COT reports as is. A lot of traders will lose a valuable tool if this data is withdrawn.

Thank you,

Gary Tanashian

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**From:** graham speers [speers1@sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:25 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

I for one like the COT reports and think they are important. I would prefer to see them right up to date with only the one day OI delay from the exchanges. More detail on the weekly changes also would be good such as what happened each day of just the last week. Thanks Graham Speers Oakville

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**From:** Ejt451@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Keep the COT Reports and publish more frequently. The elimination hurts the individual and caves in to big business.

Eileen Thrasher

**secretary**

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**From:** Joel Hylan [joelhylan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Dear CFTC,

Please do not alter the COT reports as they currently exist. As an active trader, I use them frequently to assess my trades.

Here's a better question: Why stop issuing COT reports in the first place?

Thank you,

Joel Hylan

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**From:** W Wong [wwong1@sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please don't stop the COT reports!

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**From:** mocxba [mocxba@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:55 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

If it is not broke, THEN DO NOT FIX IT !

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**From:** Harry Combrink [Harry.Combrink@assured.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:52 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

To Whom It May Concern:

Please continue publishing the COT report.

Thank you

Harry Combrink

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**From:** Bevan [buzzbez@optusnet.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** The COT report gives the U.S markets - integrity,

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm greatly concerned that the COT report may be discontinued. One of the reasons why I exclusively trade US exchange markets from other exchanges from around the world, is due to the COT report. The historical data of the COT report is a great benefit to my studies as a trader, and this would greatly effect my ability in making economic and market decisions.

The U.S markets have market integrity compared to other exchanges from around the world by way of the COT report, and I fear this would be lost. Therefore I support the COT as a trader and the US exchange markets.

Bevan Czarnecki  
2A Wharf Road  
Kogarah Bay  
Australia

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**From:** William Frost [williamfrost@lorettotel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** An important message from an experienced trader.

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**An articulate and important message from one of my subscribers  
that you all need to heed and emulate.**

**Best to all,  
Bill**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Krewe@aol.com  
**To:** secretary@cftc.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:09 AM  
**Subject:** COT report

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Sincerely,

Richard VerMehren  
3865 N. Palafox St.  
Pensacola, FL 32505

**Bill Frost  
Frost Trading Research and Investments  
Loretto, TN 38469**

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**From:** Bernadette Addison [bernadetteaddison@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Bernadette Addison

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**From:** Gerri Coleman [gcoleman31@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** grinn\_d@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:19 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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Dear Sirs,

I am definately AGAINST the elimination of COT reports.

What is your reasoning for deleting such reports?

Please respond.

Dennis Grinn

(954) 434-2534

dengrinn@bellsouth.net

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**From:** Robert M. Byrnes [rbyrnes242@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:18 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear Secretary,

The investing public needs more **TIMELY** information, not a reduction in COT reporting. Please reconsider improving the information flow, not reducing it.

Thank you.

Robert M. Byrnes

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**From:** bill schuling [nbsmobilehomes@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** nbsmobilehomes@qwest.net  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** bill schuling [nbsmobilehomes@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** Alice Saner [alicesaner@fuse.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** lawrence burdge [lburdge@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Corporate Insiders must report their financial actions. COT reporting is, unfortunately, not a circumstance which merits the status of privileged information.

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**From:** Bill Lee [mlee0033@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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The report is useful. Please continue its publication.

Thanks

Bill Lee  
Marietta, GA

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**From:** W. V. Barry [alleyrat@tulsaconnect.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Keep publishing the data.  
W.V. Barry

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**From:** Douglas E. DeMers [doug@douglasdemers.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

To Whom it may concern-

I ask you to please provide more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Thank you!

Douglas DeMers

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doug@douglasdemers.com

408.406.1663 (cell-CA)

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**From:** Jerry Caldwell [jerrycaldwelljr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please, please DO NOT DROP THE COT REPORTS!

At a time when information (data) is faster and more available ( and cheaper to produce), it seems that we should be getting MORE information MORE OFTEN, not less information less often. I hope (and pray) that the conspiracy theorists are wrong about the reasons for giving the public less information. Please do not stop the COT reports.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Jerry Caldwell  
Asheville, NC  
(h)828-298-7763  
(w)828-296-0028

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**From:** Dave Brewer [davidbrewer@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Keep the COT

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**From:** Rainer Schwarz [raschwa@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Sir,

I have recently learned that the publication and/or issue of this valuable piece of financial information may be altered.

Making financial decisions is hard enough with the limited insight I have on the machinations of moneyd power. Please do not reduce or extinguish any of the remaining flickers of light that guide my way.

Rainer Schwarz  
Huntington NY

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**From:** Martire [martiredamiano.dagostino@fastwebnet.it]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** darrus [darrus@aapt.net.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** PLEASE DON'T END THE COT REPORT!!!

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

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Thank you for keeping our markets transparent with full disclosure to the public. Across all investment vehicles, we believe commodities are the most transparent thanks to the COT report. Lee Russel and Peter Darrae, Gold Coast, Australia. phone 617-5500 5538

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**From:** //W//MARCHUK// [marchuk@netscape.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** secretary; secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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We need freedom of information, including the cot reports.

Bill

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**From:** barbnkencarlson [barbnken@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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We are not pleased with all the governmental efforts to suppress information from the public.....

Ken and Barbara Carlson  
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**From:** Halmar52@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Sirs, I understand that you have invited input on the COT report. This report is vital to those of us who count on this report on a timely basis. Please continue the report and if anything report more frequently. Tnx Hal Holmes

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**From:** DesignGold@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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The COT report and M3 both are important reports that need to be in place.

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**From:** DesignGold@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please do not drop this report.

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**From:** Jerry Wolf [jerry.wolf@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am dismayed that there is the possibility of the elimination of the COT report. In this era of questionable ethics in the corporate and governmental world why would presenting less data be the right thing to do. I urge you not to eliminate this valuable information.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wolf

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**From:** Richard Pitner [rcpitner@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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Please do not stop giving COT REPORTS but give them more often.

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**From:** pierre Lefevre [pierre@niagara-info.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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**Attachments:** pierre.vcf

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In the name of free market, freedom of information and plain honesty you must keep the COT reports coming. What would be the reason for not producing them anymore but a blatant and unscrupulous desire to hide essential information. Enough manipulations.

Pierre Lefevre

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**From:** ROBERT BENSON [jilluminara3@msn.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:10 AM

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**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot report do not cancell report. We need more information. more often. robert benson slc. ut.

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**From:** Krewe@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Krewe@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT report

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Sincerely,

Richard VerMehren  
3865 N. Palafox St.  
Pensacola, FL 32505

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**From:** Hudgins, Jim [jim.hudgins@Vanderbilt.Edu]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:10 AM

**To:** secretary

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**Subject:** COT reports

Either leave the COT reports alone OR make them available daily. Do not reduce their frequency or eliminate them.

Thanks,  
Jim

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**From:** Hugh Tafel [htafel@attglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Hugh Tafel  
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Canmore, AB T1W 1V2  
Canada

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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***We want it.  
They killed M3.  
What next.  
The land of the free !!!!! bull shit.  
Ed Edwards***

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**From:** bill guinn [willaguinn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:42 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** M 3

2006 JUL 24 AM 8:13

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Gentlemen,

As an investor, I am amazed that M-3 reporting has been eliminated from our data stream. Are you choosing to report only the data that sugar coats the economy. I vote and am politically active. I am outraged at this kind of misrepresentation of economic data in our country.

Sincerely,

willa guinn

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**From:** Thomas Barry [lvm@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:52 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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The COT report should be published daily at the close of trading and easily could be. The government should be leveling the field not using its awesome power to aid special groups-who in all likelihood have daily access to the information anyhow. T. A. Barry

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**From:** Ralf Heit [ralfheit@rogers.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** loisfontana@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:18

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

Gentlemen: This is my vote to KEEP THE COT REPORTS. Up to date, accurate information is vital--  
*and* it helps fill up the government tax coffers.....thank you.

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**From:** John Ho [property-2008@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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J Ho

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**From:** Helen Mackie [seneca@iprimus.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:18

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Dear Sir,

I ask you please to let COT reporting remain as it is. Thankyou.

Regards,  
H. Mackie

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**From:** BYRON SMITH [bsmith@omnicityusa.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** Matthew Beck [m.beck@fnysllc.com]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:04 AM

**To:** secretary

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**Subject:** COT report

Don't get rid of the COT's. That would be unbelievably unfair to small and mid level market players and tip the tables even more in the favor of large entities. I will protest this action to all my associates in the commodity business.

Matt Beck

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**From:** Dan Nisly [danthepoolman@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 24 AM 8:17

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Secretary, I am writing to urge you and request that the COT report be continued. I have received information that you are considering to discontinue the report. If this were to happen, many people would be deprived of information that is valuable to very important decisions being made that have long lasting effect on many peoples lives. Please continue producing the report.

Dan Nisly  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**From:** Walter Lightfoot - Mitchell Graphics [Waltl@MitchellGraphics.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Please continue to publish the COT reports!! It seems that occasionally, the government's idea of information is whatever they think is in "our" best interests. Maybe I am cynical, but after seeing our country's leaders adjust the inflation numbers by removing housing, energy & who knows what else, the number is meaningless. The same for M3, which they just stopped publishing. Why do you think that may be? Please don't let that happen to the COT reports. Leave them as they are, or make them available on a daily basis. In this age of computers, it seem that daily reporting would be reasonable. Thank you.

Walt Lightfoot  
Harbor Springs, MI

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**From:** Dan Lugar [dlugar@missionova.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** greg@whiskeyandgunpowder.com  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Mr. Secretary

These COT reports must continue to be available. Information such as this is vital to all, not just a privileged few.

Dan Lugar  
Naperville, IL

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**From:** wildernesstrader/E-one [trader@wildernesstrader.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Yes we do want the  
COT reports  
steve

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**From:** Chris J. Brock P.T. [cjb.2000@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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THANK YOU for keeping our markets transparent with FULL disclosure to YOUR public.

**Chris J Brock**

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**From:** Kevin Munkres [ctakevin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:02 AM  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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You must continue to publish the COT information.

Scott Gay  
3948 S. Third St. #291  
Jacksonville Bch, FL 32250

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**From:** Jeff Rexford [rextrons@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Milano, Louis [JJCUS] [LMILANO1@CORUS.JNJ.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:53 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports  
**Importance:** High

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CFTC:

The subject is very useful information for all traders, large and small, and it would be universally appreciated if the CFTC would continue to publish these reports.

*Thanks,*

*Lou*

**Louis L. Milano**

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**From:** Lai Lin Lee [lllee358@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Regards

Lee Lai Lin

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**From:** Ben Cameron [bencameron@people.net.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Regards

Ben Cameron

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**From:** unionplascom@alltel.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:45 AM  
**To:** secretary

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They are an important thread in the fabric of our society.  
Thank you.  
Sandra Osborn

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From: Scardanzan Duilio [dscarda@tin.it]  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 6:40 AM  
To: secretary  
Subject: COT Report

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yours faithfully  
duilio scardanzan  
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**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to encourage the Commodities Future Trading Commission to continue its publication of the COT report. This report provides useful and necessary information to the public that cannot be sourced from any other group.

Kind regards,

Barbara Covell

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Jiri Broukal

Czech Republic

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David Sykes  
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**From:** Robert Bernatz [bbernatz@insightglobal.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:48 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please keep the Cot Report. It is vital to my investment decisions.

Thanks,  
Bob Bernatz

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Robert L. Bernatz, Ph.D.  
President

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

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To eliminate or try to minimize usefulness of the COT reports is shameful for the (so called) land of freedom.

Gabriele Russo  
(Italy, Rome)

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**From:** Maik Enders [maik.enders@gmx.de]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:48 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFF. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hello,

I use the COT report very frequently and it is a very special and well-performing tool for preparing market-related decisions. I'd be very disappointed if you are going to stop publishing the COT report. In a world of ever increasing data frequency and ever widening possibilities to monitor these information it would be a very questionable act...

Best regards,

Maik Enders

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**From:** Massimo Dagrada [massimo.dagrada@fastwebnet.it]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:46 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Massimo V. Dagrada  
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**From:** deshotelj [deshotelj@bellsouth.net]

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**To:** secretary

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Please don't eliminate the COT report.

Thanks,  
John Deshotel

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**From:** JRBERTZ@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Please do not change the method or reduce the number of COT reports, thank you.

John R. Bertz, Verona, WI 53593

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**From:** TradeWilmanski@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:42 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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gentlemen

please keep publishing the COT Report.

we all deserve to play on a level playing field.

respectfully

wilmanski

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**From:** Roy Baldwin [rbald@atlanticbb.net]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:44 AM

**To:** secretary

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**Subject:** COT report

Please perform the responsible duties for which you have been selected to represent the American people and provide even more timely publication of the COT reports. This will preserve our financial system as the most honest in the world which will continue to attract capital from the entire world. R. Baldwin

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**From:** Tommy Lane [tommy@remarkpaper.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Dear Secretary,

Please keep the reporting of Cot data the way it is. It is of the utmost importance that the markets are allowed this information. If anything, the COT data should be made more frequent.

Sincerely Tom Lane

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**From:** David Henderson [v65brutus@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:41 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** kkerr@kertrade.com; bhenderson@petpromiseinc.com  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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I understand there is a movement afoot to abolish the COT reports by 'the people's government' along the same lines as the discontinuance of M3 reporting earlier this year. The reasons for this are apparently unknown but it seems to me that this would just tilt the field more in favor of the fat cats. As a (very) small time speculator in commodities options this will make it more difficult for those I rely on for trading guidance to supply me with good trading info. If said government (which continues to grow AND act like a cancer where the little guy is concerned) really wants to help Joe SixPack retain a decent standard of living, especially those of us on a fixed income, they should not only retain the COT reports but expand them and make them more timely. After all, gathering and dissemination of information is becoming more efficient and easy to do as time goes by. Thank you for your consideration.

David A. Henderson, retired  
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Please don't do interrupt the free flow of information that these reports provide.

Roy Lindau  
417 Half Moon Bay Drive  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

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**From:** DONALD HALLORAN [moosic@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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To The Secretary:

Would it be feasible to have the cutoff date for the COT be moved to Thursday or better, Friday, and release the report during the weekend? Automation being what it is, information should be as timely as possible.

Thank you so much,

Donald Halloran

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**From:** Jim Theakos [jimt\_44@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Jim Theakos

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Michael Carbuto

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Sirs:

I am writing in regards to the possible elimination of the COT reports. With out these reports, it will be increasingly difficult to successfully trade these markets. They will be subject to higher incidences of manipulation and fraud. If you truly are interested in fair and transparent markets, how can you allow this to happen ? If this transpires, it will further prove that you are controlled by large entities and that "government" is bought and paid for.

Randy Clodfelter

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**From:** Mitchell, Robert [rmitchell@wellspan.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please increase the frequency of the COT reports.

Thanks for your time.



**Robert Mitchell**  
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York, PA 17403  
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**From:** Rick Gandenberger [rickg@temployee.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports.

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Mr. Secretary:

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I understand the Federal Trade Commission is considering elimination of publication of the Commitments Of Traders (COT) Report.

Commitments Of Traders report, which discloses the futures position of hedgers (commodity producers or buyers), big speculators (hedge and mutual funds), and small speculators (individual traders), and whether or not they are short or long and by how much they are short or long. That statement alone should be enough to tell you that certain players may not want their positions to be known.

Large market participants have access to this data anyway, and not just once a week, either.

Elimination of the Commitments Of Traders report eliminates a vital tool for the smaller market participant and may mask the activities of market manipulators from public view.

In this day and age of computer power, there should be virtually no cost to increasing the frequency of this report to a daily.

Please do not eliminate the Commitments of Traders report.

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**From:** Scott Selden [buzzman007@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I strongly object to your suppression of the data contained in the COT Report!

Scott

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:34 AM  
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Sincerely,

Rob Mitchell

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**From:** Don Probasco [probasco@intergate.com]  
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**To:** secretary  
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Thank you for keeping our markets transparent with full disclosure to the public.

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**From:** Thomas Barrett [doc\_t@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:13

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This is robbery .Please dont stop reporting this needed info. The Politians and Goverment officials are raping the private citizens Thanks

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**From:** geraldam@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:12

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I am a small investor in the commodity market trying to develop an income for retirement. This COT report is used by my broker and is very important. Please DO NOT quit publishing this report. Thank you. Gerald Matthews, Cordova, TN

COT report

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**From:** Laframboise, Peter [PLaframboise@rwbaird.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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You must report COT for all commodities including Gold and Silver.

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**From:** Thomas H. Curry [thomasc31@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Thomas H. Curry  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:12

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Greetings:

I will be brief.

I find the information in the COT Reports very useful in understanding what the Big Boys in the market are doing.

I would find them even more useful if you issued them DAILY.

In this Information Age of faster and more economical data processing, I do not understand why you would consider limiting your open reporting unless you were being unduly influenced by the "Big Players." ???

Please do NOT stop issuing the COT Reports.

Please begin issuing them DAILY.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

Thomas H. Curry  
12300 Casa Grande Ave. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112

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**From:** Rob Davies [robdavies@intra-connect.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:29 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:12

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hi,

This email is to express my concern that apparently you have indicated that you plan to stop publishing the COT reports after August 2006.

The availability of market data such as the COT reports is critical for traders in determining the behaviour of the markets and selecting when and if to trade ... hiding this information by stopping the publication of the COT reports seems to serve no purpose other than to destroy the integrity of the free markets. Since the M3 reports are no longer published, this appears to be another step in a concerted effort by the government to prevent traders from having access to real market activity.

Please continue to publish the COT reports.

Regards,

Rob Davies

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**From:** Jon Kandiah [jon@partner4change.co.uk]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:07 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

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CFO. OF THE GOVERNMENT

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

Regards,

Jon Kandiah

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**From:** Ron Cernokus [roncer@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 11 3 51

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Please keep the COT report.....we need it.

Thank You,

Ron Cernokus

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**From:** Sam Jelovich [sjelovich@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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2006 JUL 21 12:06 PM

COT OF THE STATEMENT

Dear Sirs,

I am a small commodity speculator. The COT reports are a valuable tool in determining what side of a trade I will take, if any. The information is invaluable. I would request that you make the information even more timely and update it twice a week rather than just once.

On another matter, I have heard that the new ETFs are being reported under the "Commercials". It would seem to me that a more appropriate classification for these funds would be "Large Spec".

Please continue to provide the public with the COT reports.

Sincerely,

Sam Jelovich

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**From:** Joseph Purves [j6pxxx@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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As a small investor, I would appreciate more COT reports. There is just too much information available to the big players. We small players already have a lack of or late presentation of pertinent data.

The only explanation for the removal of such helpful information is that it is either to benefit the "big boys" or there is a perceived necessity to keep the investment community in the dark.

Joseph E. Purves  
41725 Hunt Club Road  
Wadsworth, IL 60083

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**From:** Jay Bremyer [jbremyer@ctelco.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

JUL 21 2006 9:31  
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We need more timely COT reporting for EVERYONE not elimination of this valuable information. Jay Bremyer

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**From:** Gloria Swank [cruzin@gvtc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:33 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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JUL 21 10 33 AM '06  
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From: George Swank  
455 Cindy Drive  
Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
[swankg\\_free@yahoo.com](mailto:swankg_free@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Tom Hanson [tgh43@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:31 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear Sir;

Please reconsider canceling the COT Report. I is useful although delayed. In fact such reports should be put out daly. In this information age we investors should be getting a whole lot more information in a timely manner. The big guys get it so should we.

Thank you for considering this matter for us little guys.

Sincerely

Tom Hanson

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**From:** Richard Hixson [rmh77401@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:31 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

JUL 21 10 31 AM '06  
COT REPORT

Elimination of the report is proof once again that this agency is not doing thier job for the American people. You are presently aallowing money center banks to short gold and silver at well. Cleanup this mess and stop the blanket shorting and issue reports daily of who, what, when and where for all to see.

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**From:** Lawson, Thomas A [TLAWSON@citgo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 21 AM 10:32

COT OF THE SECRETARIAT

COT reporting should be increased in frequency.

In the age of electronic data accumulation, reporting burden should be minimal

I believe a daily report with a 1 day lag in data should be easily and readily available to continue to promote a clearly open, free market.

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**From:** Dwight Freeman [dwight.freeman@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 20, 2006 10:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 AUG 21 AM 10:30

COT REPORTS

Dear sir/madame, Do not allow elimination or even reduction of COT reporting. More rather than less information is needed to maintain the healthiest function of the commodities market or any human endeavor. Thank you for your consideration.....Dwight W. Freeman, M.D.

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**From:** Ilya Dorfman [dorfman+ilya@idorfman.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 AM 10:28

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Hi,  
I'm a trader and rely to making my decisions on COT reports. I Need them

Best, Ilya Dorfman

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**From:** Kevin Runte [kevin4loans@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

7/21/06 10:27 AM  
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**From:** Tofuman111@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

JUL 21 11 29 AM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The CFTC has indicated that you may stop publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report, pending input from the public by August 20th.

COT data are some of the most important pieces of information for small, individual traders as well as institutional traders. I'm a retired engineer and I use COT data and interpretations of it by experts.

How else can we know what the big boys are doing? The deck is stacked against the little guy already.

PLEASE DO NOT STOP PUBLISHING COT, OR REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF IT.

Thank you,  
Michael McCarthy  
Chapel Hill NC

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**From:** david ogburn [aladave@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:25 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I can see no reason to discontinue the publication of the COT reports except that the cftc has something to hide. I would like to go on record as being against the discontinuation of publicly reporting the COT report and hope that honest people within the cftc support this position. Thank you. David Ogburn

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From: Joey Emmett [jemmett1@tampabay.rr.com]  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 10:26 AM  
To: secretary  
Subject: COT Report

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Thank you,  
Joey Emmett  
19717 Gulf Blvd #15  
Indian Shores, FL 33785

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**From:** Rich Flanders [richfinny@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

7/21/06 10:26 AM

COT REPORT

We need more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it. You are supposed to be serving the "people". I suggest you take that to heart. The best way to do that is full and timely disclosure. You do the American citizens a grave disservice by removing visibility into our own government affairs, such as the elimination of the M3 report.

Richard L. Flanders  
3540 Novelty Road  
Penhook, VA 24137

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**From:** JASON Stoffel [jasonsquirrel@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Jason Stoffel  
805 6th St  
Menasha, WI 54952

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**From:** Steve Holden [sah@nutritionucanlivewith.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

What is going on with you people!?What are you trying to hide?

Don't go through with this--we deserve to know the truth!

**secretary**

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**From:** RQTBL1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT data

Another bad idea !

Transparency requires more information -- not less  
More timely reporting of COT data is required -- not less

The Federal Reserve deprives the people of M3 and  
now the CFTC wishes to deprive the people of COT data

Our great country is slowly sinking into a morass of  
contradictions and our bureaucrats are only adding more  
weight and thereby accelerating the decline.

Sad -- so very sad !!!

AJ Slater Esq

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**From:** Lee Searle [lee\_searle@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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SECRETARY

Gentlemen:

Of all the foolish things that could possibly be done, doing away with the COT reports ranks at the top. Is this an effort to cover things up? I thought the flavor of Sarbanes Oxley was to protect the small investor.

Removing this information from the market very much hurts the small investor. Is that what you want?

Lee Searle  
2904 230th St.  
Marshalltown, IA 50158

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**From:** Robert Bradford [rbradford1@indy.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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COT REPORT

This report should NOT be stopped.....

**cogito ergo sum**  
**Argentum et aurum comparendi sunt --**

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**From:** gloria leininger [dleini2456@millry.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:21 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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10 JUL 2006 10:21:51  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear sirs

I look at ith Cot reports every Friday. The information is very useful to me. It would be helpful if there was less time delay (three day from tues. to fri.).

Thanks

Gloria Leininger

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**From:** Corey Matters [corey.matters@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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CFTC,

As a trader I use the COT Report every week as it provides transparency to the US Futures markets, and provides me as a trader an excellent market analysis tool. I believe it is in the public interest to continue this report, which is evident by the number of people that visit the website on a regular basis. Because of this report the US Markets are steps ahead of other world markets, and this is why I trade your Futures Market. To see this report disappear would be a disaster

It would be great to even report on a daily basis. I realise it started out as a monthly report, then 2 weekly, and now weekly, but daily would be sensational. Don't cancel this report because of a few problems.....let's work through them and make the report better.

Regards

Corey Matters  
Perth, Western Australia

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**From:** Pat [inter@hargray.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** proposes changes in COT reporting

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my views regarding any changes to Cot reporting, these reports are necessary for traders to have some understanding as to the direction of the commodities market and to maintain as much transparency as possible to eliminate manipulation of these markets. I and many others watch for possible manipulation in these markets. These reports should be expanded upon and not made less transparent, and I trust that your organization will make sure that these markets will remain transparent and free from all potential manipulation.

Thank you,

Patrick Robinson  
Intercontinental Investment Corp.  
[inter@hargray.com](mailto:inter@hargray.com)

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**From:** jermoe11@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

It has been brought to my attention that you are soliciting comments pertaining to the COT report that is currently made available. At this time my main concern is to better understand your intent. Let me say that in terms of usefulness I do NOT want to see this report eliminated. It is IMO invaluable in gaining an understanding of the short or long futures position of the entities involved. If anything I would like to see this data made available on a more frequent basis. Elimination of the COT report IMO further results in hiding key market info, the marketplace is no longer level, and free market integrity is deeply in question.

Sincerely,  
G. Houle

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**From:** Melvuchida@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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2006-07-21 10:50:00 AM  
COT REPORTS  
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Ms Eileen Donovan:

I use COT reports on a regular basis and would be at a loss if it were discontinued. Will you please keep the reports coming.

Sincerely,

Mel Uchida  
Houston, TX

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**From:** Rpbutler@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Dear Sir or Madam:**

**I want to express my strong opposition to the proposal to do away with the COT reports. Why, at a time of great uncertainty in the markets, do we insist of removing vital reports, so that we have to fly even more blind?**

**Richard Butler**

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DATE 07/21/06

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**From:** Bill Harrison [wgharrison@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Why is consideration being given to dropping the COT report data. As a concerned citizen, I wish for this information to be kept available. This is very valuable for the decision making process of those who study and invest in the markets. Do We Have a Free Market System or not! Quit trying to hide information from the citizens.

**secretary**

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**From:** Leo Nolette [leo144@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:56 PM  
**To:** secretary@cftc.gov?  
**Subject:** COT Report

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It has come to my attention that the CFTC might cancel the publishing of the COT Report. I think that this report is a valuable instrument for traders. This information must remain available to the public. Thank you.

Leo Nolette  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**secretary**

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**From:** Mike Kelley [mikekelley@ev1.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot report

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OF THE ARMY

You mfers will get yours. Your either a manipulative asshole or a bastard , which is it?

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please keep it as it is. thanks

Burton Kent  
5800 Oakwood Drive  
Lisle  
IL 60532

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**From:** Fred Simons [simonszoon@sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:25 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot reports

Please maintain publishing COT reports. Fred Simons

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**From:** jim [hedgedoc@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:25 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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5507 winston ct  
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**From:** Jill Elzinga [elzingajill@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports.

Please do not stop publishing the Commitment of Traders Report. Many people including myself use it to make informed investment decisions.

Jill Elzinga  
Vesper, WI

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**From:** Andrew Jeeves [andrewjeeves@adam.com.au]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:32 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'd be lost without the COT Report, please do not publishing!

I agree with a contact of mine: "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."

I urge you to continue publishing.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jeeves  
Earthlink Australia Pty Ltd  
14 St. Albans Dr  
Burnside, SA 5066  
AUSTRALIA  
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**From:** RM686 [rm686@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Looks like you are catering to insiders and plan on leaving the public in the dark. Information kept in the public domain keeps everyone honest.  
Ray Martoccia

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**From:** Eric Bittman [rickcon2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

IT IS MY BELEIF THAT ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ THE REPORT AND NOT JUST A FEW.

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**From:** Don [donny@gondtc.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:04 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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**From:** Todd Casey [tlmcasey@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

7/21/06 11:57 PM  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

To whom it may concern,

I would discourage the discontinuance of publishing the COT report. By hiding key market info. like the COT report, the market is no longer level, and free market integrity is deeply in question. An explanation of this proposal would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Todd Casey

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**From:** Ron Lohn [rel0417@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please be advised that I consider the COT reports to be vital public information, and that I am in favor of more frequent COT reports.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Lohn  
ronlohn@iname.com

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**From:** Howard Campbell [hcampbell@gmx.net], 2006-07-22 12:15 AM  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** senator@shelby.senate.gov  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to go on record requesting that the CFTC publish COT data on a daily basis, or perhaps delayed by one day if necessary. Furthermore, the reporting should be enhanced by showing long/shorts by dealer as has been done on the TOCOM in the past.

Additionally, I would encourage the CFTC not to play any funny games with the COT data or reporting. With the illegal naked shorts issue, no reporting of M3, back-dated options, etc, the American markets are facing an integrity problem that will only get worse if honest people don't stand up and differentiate between what is right and what is wrong. I write this from my home in Asia and I know from discussions with traders from different countries that the practices prevalent in the American markets is well-known, particularly the manipulation issues.

Also, it would be nice to hear if someone would answer the questions delivered by Ted Butler to the CFTC regarding silver futures. In one way or another it would tell the global participants who trade commodities/options in the US where the Commission stands on these and related issues.

Thanks+regards,

Howard Campbell  
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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**From:** Arthur Winer [amwiner@ucla.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:35 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

TO: CFTC

RE: COT Reporting

COT's should be reported every day. With current computer capabilities there is no excuse not to report daily.

The trend toward less transparency in the markets is alarming. The government's role is to provide more data to retail investors, not less.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Arthur M. Winer  
Professor  
Environmental Health Sciences Department  
School of Public Health  
University of California  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1772

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**From:** EMD [emd@att.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do NOT discontinue the COT reports.

These are essential for making intelligent investment decisions.

Edward M Duran

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**From:** Judy Schieffer [whiteglove@mei.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:43 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

With a market already a poorly rigged casino, the proposed elimination of the COT would be just another gross injustice to the general public that uses this report to help make trading decisions in the market.

With today's computers I would like to see this report come out every day not every week or month.

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**From:** Chuck Gerarden [cgerarden@atomix.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not discontinue the COT Report for any markets. These are necessary for analyzing investments and trades, They provide stability to the markets.

Chuck Gerarden

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**From:** David Eichman [painless61@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please  
give us even more info and timely COT reporting not eliminate it. This is America "for the people" not "for the Government" or "Elite insiders". This is the age of easy information, so use it and use it wisely for the good of "The people" and the good of the free market.  
Thank you  
David Eichman

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JUL 22 2006 11:07

**From:** Somesh Gaur [somesh@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:35 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

COT REPORT - ORIGINAL

Dear Secretary, CFTC

I ask the CFTC to not discontinue publishing the weekly COT report.

It contains very important for investors and traders.

In todays electronic information age, CFTC should be making more data available, not eliminating it.

I hereby request the CFTC to continue publishing the weekly COT Reports.

Thank You  
Somesh Gaur

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**From:** Jay Martel [jsmartel68@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am concerned that you are considering reducing the frequency of the COT reports. As a small investor, I appreciate the timely release of any and all data that can help me make wise investment decisions. With modern technology, it is easy to collect and disseminate information. Please do not stop publishing the COT reports.

Thank you for considering this.

Regards,

-Jay Martel

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**From:** Ed Rittershausen [trees@compuplus.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Dear Sir:

I assume that you will get inundated with mail about the possible termination of the COT Report.

The COT Report benefits the little guy in the world of trading; big money may use it but they don't need it.

It is usually useful and in some markets at some times it is valuable.

Two sites that deal with COT analysis (the ones I like best) are Software North:  
[www.softwarenorth.com/trading/commitmentscurrent](http://www.softwarenorth.com/trading/commitmentscurrent)  
and Steve Brieze's (Bullish Review newsletter):  
[www.insidercapital.com/commodities.htm](http://www.insidercapital.com/commodities.htm)

I hope that you will continue to publish the numbers.

Sincerely,

Ed Rittershausen  
small speculator  
Polson, Montana

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**From:** ACADMASTER@aol.com

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:57 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please continue publishing the commitment of traders report as it is information that is vital to the transparency of US markets. What remains of transparency in US markets must be preserved so as to create confidence on the part of investors who wish to know the commitment of participants in US markets.

Sincerely  
Alex

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**From:** Thomas Barry [lvm@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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First the gov. does away with the M3 now you want to do away with the COT reports - with direct deposit You won't have to show up at the office at all.

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**From:** steve wexler [sskram@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

07/21/06 08:56

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Stephen Wexler

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**From:** william lopinto [wql@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Sincerley Yours,  
William Q. LoPinto  
Member of the New York Board of Trade

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**From:** John Summers [jrsummers@lakeozarks.com]

7/21/06 11:03:35

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:54 AM

**To:** secretary

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**Subject:** COT Reports

I was recently made aware that you are planning to discontinue the weekly COT Reports. I strongly object to this action. In the information age we should be increasing the data made available to everyone so that we all have a level playing field instead of doing away with information so that only the government insiders can profit.

This administration's obsession with keeping vital information from the American public, i.e., the decision earlier to discontinue the M3 reporting, to cover up the fiscal mismanagement is scary. I am beginning to think I voted incorrectly in 2004.

John R. Summers

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**From:** Jonathan Horvath [jhorvath@garble.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Jonathan Horvath, Village of Lakewood, IL

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**From:** MALCOLM ALLRED [allredma@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:53 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am sending you this email to ask for more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.  
Thanks, Malcolm Allred

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**From:** Kyle Routh [laptop@atlantahrd.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Kyle Routh

P.O. Box 1706

Lawrenceville, GA 30046

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**From:** Dave Swift [jubliado46@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Dear Secretary,

Please keep the COT report

Dave Swift

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**From:** Stuart Johnstone [sjohnstone@nyc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** polphand@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT report

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Secretary Donovan,

The commodities markets have an increasing relevance to a broad cross-section of investors. More individual investors are affected by them than ever before, either as direct participants or indirectly via their funds exposures. All efforts to improve access to information are welcome!

The Commitment of Traders report is a very useful tool providing improved transparency of active important markets. Every investor, whether an active participant in the commodities markets or not, can derive valuable insight allowing better evaluation of overall market conditions. This is an extremely helpful publication of critical information. Any changes to the report or its publication should be focused on ways to make this data more available in a timely manner.

Improved technology provides the opportunity to level the investment playing field for all investors at less cost all the time. The current lag between compilation and publication of this data can be improved. Real time or daily updates should be the goal at this time. As the world's commodities markets become more accessible via electronic platforms open outcry trading, with its inherent reporting delays and costs, is reduced. The electronic platforms allow extremely responsive quotes, trades, fill reports and obviously create the opportunity to enhance general access to the critical data. The rapidly increasing volume trading metals electronically in Chicago versus open outcry New York indicates how important this is.

I look forward to more and better COT reports soon. Thank you for your efforts to improve service.

Sincerely,  
Stuart M. Johnstone

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:37 AM  
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**From:** prosperity2peace@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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**From:** J. Mickelson [btq@dialez.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 08, 2000 8:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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I want the Cot Reports to be kept in place instead of eliminated. J. Mickelson Algoma btq@dialez.net

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**From:** Robert Miner [bob@dynamictraders.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Robert Miner

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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I agree with Kevin Kerr. You are not doing the small investor any good by eliminating this report. Our group is smamm but we do vote.

Edward Orzeske

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**From:** Rex [rex.mclaughlin.company@charterinternet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Rex F. Rhinesmith, CPA  
1432 Rolling Ridge Lane  
Sturgis MI 49091-9725

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**From:** Baird Hammond [dhammond1061@charter.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:25 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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**From:** sburklund@mchsi.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** support@genesisft.com; sburklund@mchsi.com  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** melamike [melamike@ix.netcom.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Please do not cancel the COT report!

Thank you

Mike Powell  
Jupiter, FL

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**From:** Darren Sleister [dhsholdings@mchsi.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:29 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Good Morning,

I understand that the COT report may be eliminated next month. Please know I'm completely opposed to this as it provides very useful information and many in my profession rely on the insights it provides to make capital allocation decisions. Since America is supposed to represent the best of free markets and fair business practice eliminating such a valuable source of information is disheartening. Please do not.

Thanks,  
Darren Sleister  
Owner  
DHS Holdings, LLC

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**From:** DMO Mail Box  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** FW: Commitment of Traders Report

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They are sending comment letters to the DMO mailbox.

Jay Huhman

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**From:** Jim Craig [mailto:jamesgibsoncraig@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:25 AM  
**To:** DMO Mail Box  
**Subject:** Commitment of Traders Report

July 21, 2006

Sir:

I understand you are planning to discontinue the Commitment of Traders Report.

Please accept my vote against the discontinuance of this valuable document.

James G Craig  
48 Hill Dr  
Aurora, ON L4G 3A6  
905-713-2341

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**From:** Price, Vincent A. [Vincent.Price@agilysys.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Sincerely,  
Vince Price

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**From:** Sheila Roberts [sheilaroberts@homecall.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report  
**Importance:** High  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

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**From:** John Leckrone [antiquer@usit.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

What are you trying to hide in your efforts to do away with the cot reports? Keep publishing them. It is hard enough to determine how much manipulation you are currently allowing WITH the reports. Without them we have nothing at all to gauge this blatant fraud. Sincerely, John Leckrone [antiquer@usit.net](mailto:antiquer@usit.net)

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**From:** B Kirchmeyer [bkirchmeyer@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:35 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

To the acting secretary of the CFTC:

I am writing to request that you continue to publish COT reports. I am a small-time, personal investor and I invest in commodities. I use the information provided to help decide on the trades I will make. This information provides a clear picture of what is going on in commodities and protects individuals like me against market manipulations. I am all for the CFTC continuing to provide this information to the public. We need this to preserve the free market atmosphere. Please continue to publish the COT reports.

Thank you,

Ben Kirchmeyer  
379 Maplewood Dr.  
Alliance, OH 44601

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Sincerely,

Dennis P. Scholl  
6349 Circle Oak Dr.  
Bulverde, Texas 78163

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**From:** Dave Kerns [Dave.Kerns@bepco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Sincerely,

David Kerns

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**From:** Sam Miller [smiller@turnermortgages.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** ENVGROUPINC@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Please don't stop producing these reports.

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**From:** kb [kb5233@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to know the reasoning behind giving the small investor less information than the large investor has. Regulation FD and other rules don't stop inside information from being disseminated amongst the large "players". The deck is stacked against us in almost every market. It is almost as if the powers that be are conspiring in finding more ways to separate us from our money. It's bad enough that there is a 3 day delay for this report.

First the M3 is eliminated and now this. What's next? Eliminate financial reports and quote services? Why don't we stop reporting CPI and PPI numbers and jobs reports? Why not eliminate crop estimates and cattle inventory? That way we would truly be in the dark.

My money market is looking better and better.

A concerned investor.  
Kevin Bengtson

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**From:** Robert Fike [rgfike@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:48 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Thanks for your time and attention to this matter,

Bob Fike

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**From:** Phil Wolf [pawolf@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not discontinue the COT reports primarily for the reason that I rely on this information for my investments to pay for my son's college education. Secondly, the elimination of M3 and now this certainly smacks of obfuscation of the reality of the markets. We have entirely too much government intervention into the free market, and the withholding of information is not what is demanded in a free republic.

Regards,  
Phil

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Phil Wolf  
11340 Ridge Hill Dr.  
Alpharetta GA 30022  
Tel: 770-410-9166  
Cell: 678-231-5783  
Fax: 443-947-0745  
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**From:** dale rankin [dalerankin@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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rgda1704@bellsouth.net

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Do not discontinue the report on short and long positions.

Waite W. Worden Jr.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:52 AM  
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**Subject:** COT Report

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Sincerley Yours,  
William Q. LoPinto  
Member or the New York Board of Trade

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**From:** Steenhoek [steenhoek@iowatelecom.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:53 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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

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**From:** mickey [mickenpa@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:19 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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CFO. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I would like to encourage you to continue to publish the Commodities Commitment of Trade report on your current regular basis.

Freedom of information is a vital cornerstone of our American culture.

I thank you for your time  
Mickey Pate

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**From:** HENRY ONEAL [musiktraxx1@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:41 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

We, supposedly free Americans, need this info in a more timely fashion, not delayed or deleted. Whatever happened to the TRUTH, and who are you to withhold information from those who pay your way???

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**From:** George Alexander [georgealexander@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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The importance of COT as reported in the past does not warrant your announced changes.  
Continue reporting without omission of any of the present format.  
George Alexander

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**From:** Ray Woolson [rwoolson@swva.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 21 AM 8:27

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

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**From:** Michael Wheelock [mickhum@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** comment

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Dear Sirs:  
I was shocked to learn that you are eliminating the COT. I rely heavily on it for the analysis of my trading.  
I would appreciate it if you would reconsider.  
Thank you.

Charlene Carter

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**From:** Gary Pitman [pitdavis@comcast.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARY

What in the world do you think this will gain? The PRIMARY key to our (USA) system is transparency and judging buy the direction of change this policy is rapidly being eroded. For example M3 is history; what else is planned to further the blinding of the investor?

G.Pitman

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**From:** James Word [jword000@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report  
**Attachments:** "AVG certification"

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Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that the government is considering terminating the cot reports. I am very opposed to this idea. Rather you should be making the reports available in a more timely manner. This type of manipulation of the market data is one reason that many investors no longer trust the market or the government. Please rethink this idea.

Sincerely,

James Word

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**From:** ASonabend@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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As citizens of a land where information should be freely disseminated I strongly urge you to continue publishing the COT reports...Andy Sonabend, Oakland ,CA

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**From:** Chandra Sekhar [shukrainternationals@cogeco.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT reports."

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

The COT report is useful not only for traders but also for researchers. We conduct substantial research work based in COT report. By trying to take it away from common trader, you are doing a disservice to tax payers.-C. Sekhar

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**From:** Richard.Bolen@gxs.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARAT

We need the COT reports! The data should be published more often and in a timely manner as well. In this age of internet based databases, this information should be available in real-time over the internet. Please don't take away this vital information.

Sincerely,  
Rich Bolen

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**From:** Pacer Jr, Robert D [rpacer@paychex.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Keep the Commitment of Traders Report.

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**Thank you. Paychex, Inc.**

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**From:** Rick Hamby [rick@fultoninc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

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Please do not stop the cot report.

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**From:** Ganapathi, Jay [Jay.Ganapathi@FMR.COM]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please do not eliminate the COT report. Publish it more often, and in a more timely manner.

Thanks,  
Jay

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**From:** Ganapathi, Jay [Jay.Ganapathi@FMR.COM]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Thanks,  
Jay

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**From:** Daniel Pahl [dan.pahl@frontiernet.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 8:26

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I am deeply worried about the possible discontinuance of the COT Report. This information is absolutely vital to the proper functioning of free and efficient markets. Please do not discontinue the publication of the COT Report!

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**From:** Rose Mingo [romingo@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I believe it is imperative that the COT report is continued and also that we get more data - like daily instead of weekly on the long side. And that the short is reported more often than once a month. To think that the report could be eliminated is egregious.

RMM

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**From:** Larry Burns [larry-bbbrokerage@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Larry B. Burns

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**From:** Eugene L Radford [erad4@frontiernet.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Eugene Radford

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**From:** Robin D'Arcy [robin\_darcy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:26

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing in support of the continuing publication of COT reports. As a retail investor, I am already at a tremendous disadvantage to institutions and other large shareholders. I use the COT reports regularly to inform my trading - I find them an invaluable piece of information that is available to the "little guy" to help us in our trading. Please keep publishing the COTS as they are crucial element of public data that helps even the playing field between the big guys and the little guys.

Thanks for your openness to input. And please keep the COT. In this age, we need all the help we can get.

Cheers,

Robin D'Arcy  
A small, but hopeful informed, investor

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**From:** Kerry McDaniel [kerry\_mc\_d@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I am writing today to express my interest in continuation (with increased frequency) of the Commitment of Traders Report.

Kerry L. McDaniel

DeWitt, MI.

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**From:** Richard Fye [rsfye@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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As a matter of transparency, I urge that no initiatives or proposals, to limit the report from its current format or frequency of issuance, be considered. As an agency funded by the citizenry of this country, I believe the CFTC has the obligation and responsibility to make all information, relating to and/or gathered from its activities, readily available to that citizenry. Considerations and/or efforts to limit the dissemination of such information, in any way, would not conform to that obligation and that responsibility.

Sincerely

Richard Fye  
6016 N. Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22303  
703-960-1304

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**From:** WLS [qqqqq@bigpond.net.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Dear Secretary, I read with alarm that the COT reports may be discontinued, I wish to request you not to allow this. Respectfully, William Lloyd Stoermer.

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**From:** Raymundo Rosa [kumikosan335@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Mr. Chairman,  
It is with great alarm that I have learned the CFTC is considering discontinuing to provide the COT Report. As I small trader,the COT is the most important tool I use to make my trading decisions. I have also found it is,by far,the sole instrument a small trader has to level the trading "playing field". With out it,there would be no way for me (the little guy) to compete with the "BIG GUNS" in this Business. Therefore,my deep concern that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service.

PLEASE KEEP PROVIDING THE COT REPORT!  
Raymundo Rosa

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**From:** Robin Smith [dr.smith@cox-internet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Robin G. Smith  
P.O. Box 8815  
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71910

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**From:** Arlene Sterner [tripmaker@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:20 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

It has come to my attention that the weekly report currently issued may be stopped. Please reconsider this action and maintain the report. It is very useful in leveling the futures and commodities playing field for the average investor. It is also a very big step in keeping the market information available and transparent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph Goll

**secretary**

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**From:** TerryLStreit@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

As a regular user of the COT Report, I am totally against discontinuing it. This must be better ways to save money for the government that making this change.

Terry L. Streit

**secretary**

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**From:** Leah [leah311@bcnetmail.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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COT REPORT

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please provide more timely reporting of COT data. Please do NOT eliminate it. Our government should be providing MORE information to the public, NOT LESS. We should have as free a market as possible, not a market so "manipulated" by governmental agencies that we can't figure out what is going on.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

N. Kay Richards  
1107 E. Denny Way, #C-3  
Seattle, WA 98122  
(206) 325-1823

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**From:** DOMINICLIZZIO@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Please keep the COT Report

Dont give in to the shorts

Dom

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**From:** Johnathens7@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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CFTC Officials,

You people need to keep publishing the COT report for all market participants. Everyone should be entitled to the same information to make prudent investment decisions. Discontinuing the COT report will only lead to more dishonesty and corruption in the US futures markets.

I strongly urge you to do the right thing and keep this investment tool available for all to read and use.

Sincerely,

John A. Zajac  
Lexington, KY

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**From:** KellyDMartin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep this valuable tool available for all. Thanks, Kelly Martin

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**From:** James David Marsh [jmarsh@boreal.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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21 JUL 2006 4:36 PM  
COT REPORT

Dear Sirs: You must continue to make the COT report available to the public. James jmarsh@boreal.org

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**From:** Bill Sims [williamsims@guermantes.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:00 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Sir, I'm writing to express my displeasure at the proposed changes to COT reporting. This is an issue of freedom of information. Don't let your obligations as a government agency be suborned by a group of greedy commercial traders.

Regards,

William D Sims Jr, MBA, PhD  
Guermantes Inc  
"Placet experiri"  
Princeton, New Jersey  
609-252-0841

**secretary**

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**From:** DAVID ROMERO [romero.david@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:03 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir:

Many small traders and fund and institutional traders depend on the weekly COT reports. Having to send you a comment concerning the possible elimination of this report is quite disturbing. There should be more timely release of market information rather than less. In this day of instant data gathering and dissemination the CFTC should already have changed the release of the COT report to at least 3 days a week and not just one as it presently does.

The Federal Government is becoming more intrusive in the lives of its citizens. And its becoming less willing to publish public information. This is a very disturbing trend which will most certainly have an affect on the coming Congressional elections. If you want to unleash a firestorm of criticism against the Republican Party and President Bush by eliminating the publication of the COT Report than just remember that government employee's are not beyond the reach of an angry electorate.

In case you haven't noticed the American people have already served noticed that they are very angry about how government has become such a giant problem. Somebody's going to pay. Politicians better wake up and so should those that work in government.

The American people are frightened about the prospect for the future and they are seething that rather than listen those in government are becoming even more high-handed and imperial towards them. This is such a time for listening. With both ears wide open...and a shut mouth.

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** KENNETH ODEN [kennyboya1@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:43 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

I am a small investor AND I want more timely reporting of COT data-----NOT the elimination of it!. It serves as one of my most useful tools. Please continue it. Thanks in advance, Ken Oden, 375 W. Baffin Drive, Venice FL 34293-4901

**secretary**

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**From:** Paul Malueg [pcm@kmfunding.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT

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COT REPORT

Hi,

I believe the COT trader's report is important information. The hedge funds are becoming bigger and drive prices farther than one would think possible. COT is the single report that shows their impact.

Please keep producing this important report.

Paul C. Malueg

**secretary**

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**From:** phants [phants@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

**Do Not Eliminate the COT reports or reduce the frequency of their issue. The report should instead, be issued more frequently.**

**James Huston  
Ocala, Florida**

**secretary**

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**From:** al [alterry02@netscape.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:46 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Mr Secretary

My question is by illminating the publishing of COT reports, what are you trying to hide? First the M3 goes as the fed prints more and more dollars. Not publishing the M3 hides what is really going on at the presses. Now this with the COT reports. Again, what is trying to be hidden from the people of our great and free country? It seems almost daily we see our constitutional freedoms eroding in the name of patriotism and fighting terrorists. Now the government is going after the financial end of it too. Or is this just protecting big money traders at the expense of the little guy trying to make a buck or two?

This is just one little tidbit from what seems to be a massively larger picture. I do believe when the silent majority wakes up and sees what is going on, there is going to be "hell to pay" when Americans start ousting our elected representatives at election time in favor of more responsible and open candidates. Hopefully they will also rid the people of the bureaucrats that only seem to answer to big money.

Sincerely

Alan Snyder  
Gillett, PA

**secretary**

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**From:** Flagman [flagman@epix.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please ***do NOT*** stop publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report. I use, and have used, these data (with great success over the years). It would be nearly impossible for me to find ways to replace this valuable information.

Regards,  
George Ferver  
Panama NY

**secretary**

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**From:** andy appelbaum [aappelbaum2000@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:50 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT

What the hell do you think your're doing? We are a free and open society. Taking away information will lead to risky and murky markets such as communist China and Russia. Keep releasing the COT!

Andy Appelbaum

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**From:** Pabby Rao [pabbyrao@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:52 AM  
**To:** secretary; pabbyrao@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Please maintain the COT REPORT in its current form

[secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov) <[secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov)>

Please Keep the Current COT Report in its current form.  
It has taken me so many years to understand and use  
the same. So, please do this and oblige.

Thanks,

Pabby Rao.

**secretary**

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**From:** Ryan Schultz [Ryan\_Schultz@pall.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:52 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my concern about the necessity of the COT report that is published every week. This is one of the last useful documents we, the trading public, have left. I am asking that these reports not only stay public, but also increase in frequency to be published with a minimum one day time lag. This should be easy to do with the technology we have in this day and age. I thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I trust that you will make the right decision.

Regards,  
Ryan Schultz, C.I. Engineer

Pall Aeropower Corp.  
4245 Evans Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239.936.8700 ext. 339

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**From:** DrSnellgrove@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reporting

I am a small trader and rely on this information! This data is useful, and needed.

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**From:** Robin Stacy [stacyent@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I am writing in earnest to vote against stopping the COT reports. Please rethink and continue these reports, it is important information for everyone. Thank You, Robin Stacy

COMMENT

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**From:** StenvallGroup@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

Warren R. Stenvall

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**From:** Jeff Coleman [jc@eleuthera.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,

Your COT reports are a very useful source of information to me. I hope you will continue to publish this information weekly.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Coleman

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**From:** David Bull [davidbull@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:47 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Sirs,

Please DO NOT discontinue the COT Report - it is one the few tools remaining that helps the small investor.

Thank You,

David Bull  
707-986-9555

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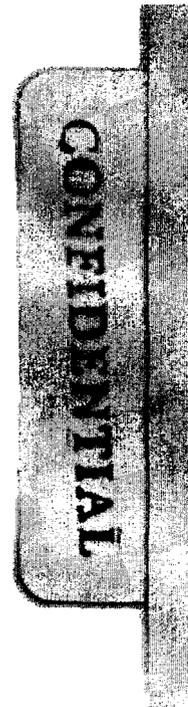
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**From:** Joël Mailhot [Joel.Mailhot1@Videotron.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hi,

I disagree and I don't like that you stop publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders).

Joel Mailhot.



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**From:** STEVE KING [kingste920@msn.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:10 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please DO NOT discontinue the COT report. As an investor that is a key piece of data I need to make informed decisions.

Thanks  
S. King

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**From:** Ross Shipley [Rshipley@columbus.rr.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:25 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Unbelievable, CPI manipulation, VIX modification, elimination of the M3 report and now an end to the COT report. Go right ahead sir! You will never end speculation in the markets, regardless of such attempts commodities will only become more volatile. Fools!

Good Luck to us all.  
Ross Shipley

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**From:** Helen Mowat [hmowat@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Our "education" educates us to be dumb and stupid and now since the internet and other devices are out their to make up think with a little more wisdom they want to take away and lie about things. How sad.  
Helen.

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**From:** Zong Liang WU [august92618@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I condemn your attempt to hidden information from the pulbic. we are a free and democratic country, not a tyranny.

if you don't want to do your job, just go home.  
computers can do everything effortlessly and instantly. they can release COT every day?

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**From:** Stephanie Cramer [redandsparky@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:10 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

I am disturbed by the thought that the Commitment of Traders Report may no longer be punished. My heart's desire and my desire as a voter, is to live in a nation as free as possible. Please keep the Commitment of Traders Report published and do not cut us off at the knees. Sincerely, S. Cramer

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**From:** CrashIsland@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** CrashIsland@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT report

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Sir or Ms:

Please continue to publish the COT Report. This data is very important to the free flow of information to the public. In fact, this information should be made available on a more timely basis and more often than currently is the case. With the stoppage of the release of M3 data and now the possibility of the COT Report elimination one can only assume dark motives. A democracy depends on a free flow of information and a free economy can't long survive without it.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen

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**From:** BJRose [cruzroze@gmavt.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

SECRETARY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
7/21/06 9:38 PM  
COT REPORTS

Why? would the COT report be discontinued?  
BJRose

**secretary**

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**From:** michael mcdonnell [mmcd54@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:59 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

as a small trader but a very big tax payer, the thought of eliminating the COT report is anathema to me. if anything the report should be updated daily. thank you, michael mcdonnell.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** davemont@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:04 PM  
**To:** secretary; secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Hello,

I have recently been informed that COT data may cease to be published after August. If you actually care about public opinion, let me clearly state: If you are one of those responsible for allowing paper shorts to fraudulently manipulate markets, and you remove COT data from public scrutiny to stifle critics of the crimes already underway, then I hope someday soon that you and many others are convicted and given harsh prison sentences.

If these crimes are not your fault, then my harsh response is not directed at you.

Choose your course of action wisely.

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**From:** Gene Brody [genebrody@optonline.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:59 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAL

i do not understand why more ignorance is desirable. someone will get leaked information. why shouldn't everyone have it?

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**From:** Andrew Hansen [andrew.hansen@CenturyTel.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:53 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

JUL 21 2006 5:53 PM  
SEC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Due to an article I've read  
I am asking for more frequent reporting of COT data, and am very concerned about possible elimination  
of this data.

Thanks  
Andrew Hansen

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**From:** Randy Connolly [2lakes@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Please keep the COT report!

Thanks,

Randy Connolly

**secretary**

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**From:** mjudge [MJUDGE2@nycap.rr.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:41 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

I want the COT Report to continue.

**secretary**

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**From:** john schervish [philaster@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

10/21/06  
10:11 AM  
10/21/06

I rely on the COT report as a useful guide to market sentiment. Please continue to publish this valuable information.

John Schervish  
Westminster, CO

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**From:** DAdams4693@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Sir:

Please DO NOT discontinue the prompt release of this valuable report.

Douglas R. Adams  
1671 Woodland Ave.  
Edison, NJ 08820

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**From:** TerryStreit@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

First of all I believe it is important for the government to continue to issue this report. I also would like to see the report issued on a more timely basis. In this day and age of computers with easy to update information, why couldn't this report have more updated information instead of Tuesdays numbers not being available until Friday It shouldn't take two days to check the numbers in my opinion . Thank you

**secretary**

**From:** TITUS PIPER [fishedaz@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

TITUS PIPER  
520-609-0657  
fishedaz@earthlink.net

ctft.gov folks,

DO NOT stop the weekly COT reports, please and thanks.

an open market requires open information.

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TITUS PIPER  
Sport Fishing Education  
Arizona Game and Fish  
Department Contractor  
[fishedaz@earthlink.net](mailto:fishedaz@earthlink.net)  
520-609-0657

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**From:** roger nelsen [regor\_mpls@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

20060721 07:26:03  
REGOR\_MPLS@YAHOO.COM

release cot info daily...  
reinstate M3

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**From:** John Hodgins [hodginsjkp@onetel.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please continue to publish reports

John Hodgins  
hodginsjkp@onetel.com

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**From:** Gordon Duncan, GDMS [gdms@surf.free.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

As a frequent user of COT charts, I wonder whether they could be published on the same day that the information is gathered?

Regards  
Gordon Duncan (UK)

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**From:** daniel noiles [noilesd@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

What could possibly be the rational behind discontinuing the "commitment to traders" report? Would you also have us drive without headlights?

## secretary

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**From:** Qian Xie [qian\_xie@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Sir/Madam,

I like COT reports to be published. Thank you.

Best regards.

Xie, Qian  
San Diego, CA 92129

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**From:** Erick Calder [e@arix.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

what are you thinking retiring this report?? it's useful to the investing public.

**secretary**

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**From:** SMITHY2098@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Hello,

Please don't discontinue the COT (Commitment of Traders) report. It's a valuable resource for research.

Thank you,  
Jill Smith

**secretary**

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**From:** Joe Turner [joetrnr@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I hope you are gathering this feedback to measure response to increasing the frequency of this report - NOT the elimination!!!

Joe

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**From:** Malcolm Buchanan [buchananmb@telkomsa.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:18 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I would be delighted to see a sooner publishing of the above items.  
Thank you.  
Malcolm Buchanan

**secretary**

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**From:** Peter Senko [peteskis2003@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:19 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORTS

COT reports should not be eliminated. When everyone is getting more information why would this report be eliminated except to help the larger interests. There is supposed to be freedom of information so why would this report be taken away? If anything make the report twice a week instead of once a week.

**secretary**

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**From:** Len Wohletz [lwohletz@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sirs,

The COT Reports are the indication by which many essential functions of our economy makes plans and meets citizens needs. The reports are important for farmers to determine which crops to plant, how much to spend on water, fertilizers and other care to balance yield with expense. The same with miners, and producers of other natural resources.

In fact the COT Reports are among the most valuable of all information, and abandoning the dissemination of this information would greatly reduce efficiency throughout major essential areas of our economy.

The COT Reports must be continued.

Sincerely,

Leonard Wohletz, CPA  
[lwohletz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwohletz@sbcglobal.net)

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**From:** Nishi Kant [nishi.kant@azairenet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I would like reporting of this data to continue.

nishi

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**From:** Yarnala@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please do NOT stop publishing the commitment of traders reports. This is one of the few things that levels the playing field so that small investors can compete in the market.

Alan Ray

**secretary**

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**From:** Bruce Pugesek [bpugesek@usfamily.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am opposed to reducing any information provided in the COT report and favor improved reporting. In this electronic age I find it odd that these data aren't reported daily instead of once a week with three days lag in the data. I also suggest that you name names and provide information on the position of individual commercials. These suggestions would only favor the market's role of finding price. Ignoring them would only favor rigging the game for a select group. Traders are sufficiently jaded already and suspect that your role in these matters is to carry out the latter. Why don't you surprise us for a change.

Bruce Pugesek

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**From:** W0305@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:13 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Gentlemen:

The COT reports are vital information for the investing public. A function of government is to regulate and disperse information to the public. The COT reports should be continued for the public good.

Walter A. Appel  
7625 199th St SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**secretary**

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**From:** Vesna Glavina [vglavina@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

If anything, it is outrageous we do not have a MORE TIMELY reporting of COT data! This extraordinary proposal to eliminate reporting COT data is indefensible! If you are willing to sacrifice the market for the profits of a few, you will serve the few once but lose the market forever.

Vesna Glavina

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**From:** John G. Holland [jghspt@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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I understand the COT reports may go the way of M3 reports, as in away. Investors use this information and rather than being eliminated, it should be provided in a more timely manner.

Please quit squashing info we taxpayers pay to have obtained.

**secretary**

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**From:** Jim Leagan [jimleagan@mindspring.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:05 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not reduce the frequency or the content of these reports. They are invaluable for understanding the markets.

James Leagan  
3348 River Birch Way NE  
Roswell GA 30075

**secretary**

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**From:** Steve Goodale [steve@goldrecord.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

The COT reports should be more frequent, not less frequent or eliminated. Please do not eliminate them. If anything, publish them more frequently.

Thank you

Steve Goodale

**secretary**

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**From:** ellison349@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I must emphatically state that I am against the removal of the COT reports. Traders around the world, including myself, use these reports to manage our positions. The fact that M3 is not being published and now the potential disappearance of COT reports is very ominous and disconcerting. How can we have an efficient market when basic valuable information is being hidden from the participants. The whole scenario stinks of heavy handed government manipulation of the markets. Please leave the COT Reports as they are.

David Ruch II  
Ellison349@aol.com

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**From:** Tim Sippola [tims88@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I find the possibility of censoring the release of the COT reports reprehensible. In this day and age the idea of restricting vital information such as this appears to me to serve only to conceal manipulation of our markets. Our government should be promoting transparency -- who are you trying to serve?

Tim Sippola

**secretary**

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**From:** fpallos@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

How and where could I receive the COT report?  
Thanks. fpallos@comcast.net

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**From:** E. Nelson [eanelson884@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:55 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Please continue the COT program and shorten the delay before data is released.\

E.A. Nelson

**secretary**

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**From:** Terry Tkachyk [hykkat@westman.wave.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Here's my vote for continuing to publish the COT Reports...it's informative and valuable information...why would you even consider abolishing it?...Dr. Terry Tkachyk

**secretary**

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**From:** LANA SUEDA [lanadean@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:43 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Cot Reports

To Whom It May Concern,

Please provide more frequent and timely reporting of the COT data. Thank you.

Dean Sueda

## secretary

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**From:** Russell Podgorny [surveyor@southshore.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:42 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please don't end the publication of COT reports. They are of great value to many, many people. The public has a right to know.

Thanks,  
Russell Podgorny  
Everton, Arkansas

**secretary**

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**From:** Doconnor1936@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cots

I want more information on what insiders are doing, not less. The deck is stacked in favor of the "big boys" now, don't make it even worse. When are you people going to crack down on the silver shorts, what will it take to get the CFTC to do it's job? Last month, why did the CFTC allow the price of gold and silver futures to free fall? There is something rotten going on in the metals markets and we expect the CFTC to protect us from illegal manipulators. Or is that asking for too much?

Dan O'Connor  
doconnor1936@aol.com

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**From:** eleanor mcintyre [honeygrandma@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

What is the U.S. Government trying to hide by not publishing these reports more quickly? Many of us can guess - unfortunately. The deck is already stacked; this report should be improved, not eliminated or limited. M3 data is now hidden - what country are we modeling on?

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**From:** Peter C. Neumann [spotowl@gbis.com] 7/21/2006 12:28 PM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:28 AM  
**To:** secretary CONFIDENTIAL  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not remove the COT reports from public view.

The investing public needs this information, and indeed, some consider it absolutely vital to the ability to make intelligent investment decisions.

thank you.

Peter Chase Neumann  
Attorney at Law  
136 Ridge Street  
Reno, NV 89501

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**From:** thomas judy [thomas\_judy2002@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:26 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT

Dear Sirs,

I respectfully request that you do not drop the Commitment of Traders reports. It is a necessary piece of information needed by the citizens of our country. How can we maintain our investing in an organized manner if you withhold this information from the small investor.

T. C. Smrcka.

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**From:** Editor [Editor@fintrend.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:26 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear Sirs,

I am very upset over the elimination of M-3 tracking and would hate to see freedom of information further eroded through the elimination of the COT reports.

Tim McMahon, Editor  
Financial Trend Forecaster and InflationData.com  
"The Place in Cyberspace for Inflation Information"  
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**From:** johnpouw [johnpouw@sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

these reports are essential , necessary and must have information for commodities trading. if anything a small trader needs more of these reports, please keep them coming.

**secretary**

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**From:** Daniel A. Sikora [danielsikora@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Do NOT discontinue the COT reports.

Daniel A. Sikora  
105 Westfield Ln  
Des Plaines, IL 60018

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**From:** sbarksdale [sbarksdale@kc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT

it is outrageous to discontinue use of importatnt data !!!!!!!!!!! I protest

Scott Barksdale

**secretary**

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**From:** Marty S [m.stolzman@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006  
12:16 PM  
SECRETARY  
COT REPORT

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is imperative that the COT report continue to be reported and in fact should be reported more frequently for the sake of our free market trading activities. I am firmly opposed to efforts to limit the free flow of information for the benefit of efficient market activities by ALL traders.

Sincerely,

Marty Stolzman

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**From:** m.ek@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:52 PM  
**To:** secretary

"Do all you have agreed to do and do not encroach on other persons or their property". Please leave the COT reporting alone. The encroachment on the individual by the government has escalated to a point where it will undermine it's own interest. I personally don't know how you can work for the government. I tried and the ambiguities and outright betrayal of the cause was too much for me. Our country was founded on personal liberty. The Bill of Rights is simply taken from common law. The purpose of the government originally was to guarantee the Bill of Rights. That really is it's only purpose.

Protecting people and all the other "mandates" that are claimed in this day are added on. Please consider the intent of your actions and be cautious as to who benefits from your actions. Public service should be just that.

Sincerely,  
Martin Kinnaman (citizen)

**secretary**

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**From:** Jon Zierk [JZierk@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please ensure the COT information continues to be reported. It is a vital and valuable piece of information.

Thank you,  
Jon Zierk

**secretary**

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**From:** Dave Wordell [dwordell@nuaf.us]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:55 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

JUST KEEP REPORTING THE COT FIGURES, YOU CROOKED BASTARDS.

D. Wordell  
Green Bay Wisconsin

**secretary**

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**From:** Stephen Finn [smf@solsticeusa.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:01 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Free flow of information is an essential ingredient in free markets, and an essential ingredient in America's strength. As the costs to provide timely information decrease, I cannot understand why the CFTC would consider ending the publication of the COT.

This information has value to our markets, it has value to traders, and it has value to everyday investors who rely on traders to help establish orderly markets. The ripple effect cannot be dismissed in this instance, and I would urge the CFTC to continue the COT reports, and to provide the information on a more timely basis. Anything else would be a step in the wrong direction for our free markets.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Finn

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**From:** daniel noiles [noilesd@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:49 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

7/21/06 11:19 AM

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What could possibly be the rational behind discontinuing the commitments to traders reports? Would you also have us drive in the dark without headlights? It is bad enough that we have to wait three days for the info as it is. Now you would consider taking the information away from us altogether. Someone please pinch me. Is this the USA?

**secretary**

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**From:** HARLEY414@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

Don't even think about.

**secretary**

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**From:** Henry Robinson [robinhen2@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** greg@whiskeyandgunpowder.com  
**Subject:** COT reports

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July 21, 2006

Dear Secretary,  
Can federal bureaucrats function in any mode except the "Spin" mode? By deleting the COT report, another government lie is being told. You think you are being slick by censoring information from John Q Public, but a lie is a lie -except to bureaucrats. May God rest your soul.

A Voter and Taxpayer

**secretary**

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**From:** Len Jenkins [lgjenk-from@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT reports."

Ceasing publication of same is unacceptable; also outrageous!

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Regards, Len

"Democrats are the only reason for voting for Republicans"  
-- Dr. Thomas Sowell

"It has been said that man is a rational animal. All my life  
I have been searching for evidence which could support this."  
-- Bertrand Russell

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**From:** MaRodd@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I strongly object to cutting back on the COT Report. In fact it should be available more frequently. In this electronic age, how can you justify withholding information that can help the individual investor? Please reconsider this decision.

Marcia Rodd

**secretary**

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**From:** Kravel2000@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:18 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs:

It is my understanding that the COT reports may be eliminated. I find these reports to be helpful in understanding trends and ask that you continue providing them. Also, kindly please the basis for eliminating the reports.

Regards,  
Kartik Ravel

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**From:** Bob Jack [rjack@cfl.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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*Please do not discontinue publishing the COT report. There are very few means for the average investor to obtain a decent return from the stock market. Take away the tools and the market will lose the little people that the market makers get rich from.*

**secretary**

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**From:** Madeleine and David Fell [fellfam@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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SECRETARY

Dear Sirs:

The COT reports represent extremely valuable and timely information. The COT reports should not only be maintained, but the COT should be updated and published on a daily basis. In this information age, this is very achievable. Please do not stop publishing the COT reports.

Regards  
David Fell

**secretary**

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**From:** Wilfredo Tan [wst157@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:17 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT

We are interested in keeping the COT report.

Thanks,

Wilfredo S. Tan

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**From:** Robert de Beer [robertdb@unwired.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

SECRETARY  
21 JUL 2006 11:13:26  
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Dear Sir/ Madam.

I have just read an article (attached) on the subject matter. If anything I ask you to publish data that is consistent with openness and integrity. I personally review the published COT data each week and use it to help me make decisions for trading and investment.

I encourage you to not only continue to publish COT data but to improve its quality and timeliness where possible and practical to the extent that it enhances the efficiencies of markets and all of the participants therein. We (the general public) need people in authority such as you to protect our interests. I trust that you will not let us down.

Best regards  
Robert de Beer

<http://www.321gold.com/editorials/shedlock/shedlock072106.html>

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**From:** thomas fawcett [tomfaw@comcast.net] sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 9:06 PM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

As an avid investor, I am very concerned with the direction of policy towards nonreporting of data. M9 and now the COT report. I urge you to continue with this report.

In addition, I will be contacting my Senators, for the first time, to get involved. Free markets are about transparency.

**secretary**

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**From:** George McMickle [56gmx@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

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To Whom, Why is this letter even necessary? There had to be a reason for requiring the COTs to be reported in the first place. What's changed? Than You, george mcmickle

**secretary**

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**From:** Fred Reifenberg [freify@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report....

Hiding market info, for the greedy, will backfire and be detrimental to all. Give it some wider thought before acting. There are enough governmental controls, why add more.

Fred

**secretary**

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**From:** Dean D. Turner [ddtgeo@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:46 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Sir/Madam,

DO NOT under any circumstances cease the publication of the COT data as it is currently released. I use this data constantly in evaluating the markets I trade in, and a cessation of this invaluable information would stack the deck against everyday American investors.

D. D. Turner  
Littleton, Colorado

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Richard Morgan [rh4@ntin.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Do not discontinue COT reports.

Richard Morgan

**secretary**

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**From:** Richard Morgan [rhm4@ntin.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Date: 2006-07-21 16:39:00  
From: rhm4@ntin.net  
To: secretary  
Subject: COT reports

Please do not discontinue publishing and distributing COT reports.

Richard Morgan

**secretary**

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**From:** Frederick Lacy [fredlacy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Please don't stop the COT report - this is the only way the 'little' guy' can see what is actually happening in the markets.

Frederick Lacy

**secretary**

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**From:** GFigTree@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:32 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Data is easy and cheap to gather. We should have more data not less data. In this electronic age, the COT report should come out once a day with no lag.

My input, and thank you for allowing input: Do not do away with the COT report. Call me if you have any questions.

Georgia Lee Faigenbaum  
3608 Cameron Court  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
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**From:** Robert de Beer [robertdb@unwired.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hello Bennet.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

I think the idea of not publishing COT data is rather appalling. What is happening to transparency often touted by the authorities? Such ideas are leading the country in the wrong direction and are a threat to democracy. The powerful seem to always seeking more power over the populace which benefits the former and injures the latter.

I ask you to encourage this threat to be published on the internet via chat forums and other selected outlets.

I wish you success in your endeavors.

Regards  
Robert de beer

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**From:** Christina Vera [christina.vera@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:26 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Do not cancel this necessary report. In fact, get it out earlier. No need for lag time with today's technology.

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Christina Vera, REALTOR  
Silverado Fine Properties  
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**From:** derek gilpin [dggilpin@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:23 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Changes in COT report

I am very interested in having the COT report more often and would like to know who we need to contact in order to make this happen . Please respond back and I will be contacting local Congressmen here in Arkansas to see if they can help. Thanks Derek Gilpin

**secretary**

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**From:** fishelr@juno.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT REPORTS"

Dear Sir,

As a citizen of the United States Of America, 20 year military veteran, two tours of duty in Viet Nam and extremely proud of MY country and its heritage - the land of the brave and the home of the FREE - I cannot for the life of me figure WHY the CFTC wants to now delay our/my access to TIMELY information of the "COT REPORTS". There can be absolutely "NO" good reason! CFTC should be desiring to put out this info to its citizens more often - Like twice a week or three times a week - NOT less often!!! The only thing I can figure is that CFTC has an "EVIL" agenda wanting to OBFUSCATE the "COT REPORTS". Is CFTC the FOX guarding the hen house? Are our governmental regulatory Agencies given over to complete and complicit corruption - in bed with the outrageously huge commercial shorts in gold and especially silver? I don't think we are much FREE - but we have become much CORRUPT. Publish the "COTS REPORT" more often - not less - don't be FOOLS. Sincerely, I am Richard T. Fishel

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**From:** Hank Graber [hgraber@narrativerooms.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Dear Sirs,

Transparency and the free flow of information is fundamental to free markets and free societies. I find it distressing that the CFTC has indicated that they may stop publishing the COT report. I hope you will reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

Hank Graber  
5103 NW 114 PL  
Miami, FL 33178  
[hgraber@narrativerooms.com](mailto:hgraber@narrativerooms.com)

**secretary**

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**From:** james@bonastia.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please, we need more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

**secretary**

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**From:** Harry Krasnick [harrykrasnick@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

they'll hang you from the nearest tree when they find out what agenda you're following, and you'll deserve it.

harry krasnick

**secretary**

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**From:** Ed Atkin/Bernie Houston [edandbee@peoplepc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

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PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT ELIMINATE OR FURTHER DEGRADE THE USEFULNESS OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION. IN THIS DIFFICULT MARKET WE NEED MORE, NOT LESS ACCESS TO DATA. ED ATKIN

**secretary**

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**From:** Ed Grimm [egrimm@wowway.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:55 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

7/21/2006 7:55 PM  
SECRETARY

Do not stop the cot report and in fact you should improve it by not delaying its release. To stop it would mean there is something to hide. I thought America was proud of its free markets and support of the little guy. Stop this and I might as well move to Russia.

Ed Grimm  
Investor

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**From:** Paul Willis [paulwillis@hotpop.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:49 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hello,

not only should the COT data be published, but it OUGHT to be published in the day after it is collated rather than giving the inside players 2 more days advance benefit over the retail investors.

To do otherwise, or stop them, would confirm to me that the market is a crook's game.

**secretary**

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**From:** Laurie McGuirk [lmcguirk@agaucapital.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear sir,

As a money manager based in Sydney Australia dealing primarily in commodities, it is with some alarm that I have learned that the COT reports are to be eliminated. In the interests of transparency in the financial markets, how can this proposal be in any way positive? The cessation of published M3 numbers by the Fed is abhorrent. Please do not further eliminate important data that gives the impression of financial market transparency and a level playing field. It appears such moves are designed to obfuscate not illuminate.

Your sincerely

Laurie McGuirk

Executive Chairman  
Agau Capital Pty Ltd  
Sydney, Australia  
+612 9251 5580.

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**From:** Paul Johansen [pjohansen@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

10/21/06 10:05 AM  
COT Report

I find the COT report to be useful.

Paul Johansen

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**From:** Geoff McIntosh [mcintosh\_geoff@hotmail.com] 7/21/06 7:18 PM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports.

Please continue with this report. It is bad enough M3 reporting is gone.

Thank you,

Geoff McIntosh

**secretary**

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**From:** RONALD DOBRUNZ [dobrunz@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:15 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please expand COT reports with more complete, frequent and timely data. Ron Dobrunz Davis IL

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**From:** J Keller [jkeller5@swfla.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:45 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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CFTC,

I would like to voice my feelings on the end of COT data. I use this data to make most every investment decision. To eliminate the best market predictor would again give the unfair advantage in the marketplace to the large funds. They can then manipulate the market as they see fit. The COT report was, in part, created to provide transparency. If we have learned anything in the recent past (Enron) transparency is what we find in freedom. By eliminating COT you are pulling the veil over the futures markets. More secrecy? Why? What is the reasoning for hiding the data?

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

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

Jeff Keller



**secretary**

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**From:** DB6862@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:30 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

Please do not stop the reports ,they are a huge part of career as a trader and a broker.  
Considering that most electronic platforms actually show the buy and sell orders on each level , For a  
commodities trader these reports are valuable information .

Thank You  
Dave Blumetti  
Member NYBOT

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**From:** C Wesley MacLagan, CPA [versatilecfo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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M. Secretary:

It is imperative to free markets that we have a level playing field for information so that investors and traders can make decisions about their personal financial actions and fiduciary responsibilities. We need more information not less and we need that information on a more near real-time or actual real-time basis.

I urge you not to decrease the our freedoms of information because it would inevitably erode our nation's actual freedoms.

Sincerely,  
Wes MacLagan, CPA

Wes MacLagan, CPA  
President  
DirectPaths, Inc.  
Strategic Business, Finance and IT Management

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132 Bay State Road, Suite 200  
Rehoboth, MA 02769

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**From:** Peter Jones [pjones@wellington401k.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:23 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my strong opinion as to the necessity for the continued and timely publication of the COT reports. These reports are instrumental in leveling the playing field between large institutional and commercial interests and the investing public. Such a leveling is an important hallmark of a transparent capitalist system such as ours. If there is a question as to the continued utility of these reports for the "public benefit" please rest assured that they provide irreplaceable utility with regard to a level playing field. Since I can't imagine that there is any serious question as to the desirability of a level playing field I can only hope that the logical course of action - retaining the COT reports - is recognized. The question, if any, should be why the COT reports aren't released with (considerably) less than a three day lag? In this day and age with its accelerating pace of abundant, ubiquitous and inexpensive information it would seem absurd that truly useful information such as these reports run counter-trend.

Thank you,

Peter Jones, CFP®

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**From:** Sue Cobian [sacob@cableonline.com.mx]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not eliminate the reporting of the COT data, and please make what is reported more timely.

Thank you.

**secretary**

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**From:** Ron and Lola Willrich [ronlola@netins.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

SECRETARY  
ADVISOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sir:

Why do away with these reports? They are about as truthful as the government gets anymore. The elimination of the M3 reports was a blow to the small investor and this may be the final blow.

What have you got to hide? I guess that is obvious.

REW

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**From:** Turturici, Jamie (IED) [Jamie.Turturici@morganstanley.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Reports are very helpful.  
May I suggest the time delay between data collection and release be shortened? Thanks so much.

Jamie Turturici  
Technology Specialty Sales  
Morgan Stanley  
[jamie.turturici@morganstanley.com](mailto:jamie.turturici@morganstanley.com)  
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**From:** shawn disney [shawndisney@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Is the government delibrately trying to undermine confidence in its impartiality?  
What reason could there be for this "secrecy"?  
Nothing good, that's for sure. Shawn Disney (surfer4440@bellsouth.net)

**secretary**

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**From:** Georgbell@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

The only change in COT reporting is more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it!

To put it mildly this is a very foolish idea to eliminate COT reports!

George Bell  
Louisville, KY

**secretary**

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**From:** Joen Fagan [joen@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Do NOT stop publishing the COT report. To do so is to look very suspicious as to the reasons.

Joen Fagan

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**From:** zukor321@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:05 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cor reports

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keep sending this report. thank you

**secretary**

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**From:** JLewis3846@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Commitment of Traders reports

Dear Sir or Madam:

First of all, it is interesting and a bit alarming that we do not have a titled Secretary to write to at the CFTC.

It is important to continue to publish the Commitment of Traders report when it comes to the gold and silver market. These reports help to keep the playing field level for small traders. Further, I would encourage use to publish the report on a daily basis, not once a week. This is an important report for all trades. This information is not expensive to gather and decimate and is the very foundation for the existence of your office.

As a side note I wish someone in your office would write to me and explain why the historic short position in silver is allowed to be maintained by so few trading entities. What is going on? Deciding not to publish the COT is not a good solution to this problem. Transparency is an overworked word, but by God, I hope you use your office to make things transparent on the up and up in our commodities markets. Things feel very wrong in the precious metals right now, particularly silver. If there is monkey business in this market, I hope you are able to take care of it before there is Hell to pay.

Jeffrey Lewis  
720 Gordon Terrace  
Chicago, IL 60613

**secretary**

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**From:** Mike & Casey [kissmekate@nstci.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:35 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

THIS IS THE FUTURE. Information should be MORE available , not less.

1. What types of traders in the futures and option markets use the COT reports in their current form, and how are they using the COT data?

More specifically:

- (a) How do traders use the COT information on commercial positions?
- (b) How do they use the COT information on non-commercial positions?
- (c) In particular, with respect to information on non-commercial positions, what information or insights do traders gain from the COT reports regarding the possible impact of futures trading on the underlying cash market?

PLEASE, the difference in the positions is clear as day , Commercials tend to be more aware of the underlying strength or weakness in the market and act accordingly. This is the only place to see where people are voting with their dollars instead of their mouths.....

2. Are other individuals or entities (academic researchers or others) using the COT reports and, if so, how?

Yes - any number of us are checking COT data to double check general market conditions.

3. Do the COT reports, in their current form, provide any particular segment of traders with an unfair advantage? NO, it merely shows where people are placing their dollars - and it does it for everyone, not just the insiders.

4. Should the Commission continue to publish the COT reports?  
 ABSOLUTLELY !!!!

5. If the Commission continues to publish the COT reports, should the reports be revised to include additional categories of data--for example, non-traditional commercial positions, such as those held by swap dealers?

IF revised, the current traditional numbers should also be kept up. any new information should be added, not exchanged for the old data.

6. As a general matter, would creating a separate category in the COT report for "non-traditional commercials" potentially put swap dealers or other non-traditional commercials at a competitive disadvantage (since other market participants would generally know that their positions are usually long, are concentrated in a single futures month, and are typically rolled to a deferred month on a specific schedule before the spot month)?

NO. Just look at open interest. You know the rest.

7. More specifically, if the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such as adding a category for non-traditional commercials:

(a) Would it increase the likelihood that persons reading the reports would be able to deduce the identity of the position holders, or other proprietary information, from the reports? doubtful.

(b) Could such persons use information gleaned from the reports to gain a trading advantage over the reported position holders?

(c) In such case, in order to reduce the likelihood of publishing categories with few traders, which might provide information giving other traders a competitive advantage over the reported traders, should the Commission consider raising the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish data for a market from 20 traders to some larger number of traders?

even 20 should be enough

8. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, should the reports be revised for all commodities, or only for those physical commodity markets in which non-traditional commercials participate?

9. If a non-traditional commercial category were added to markets in physical commodities, what should be done with financial commodities, where "non-traditional commercials" would be essentially an empty category (since, in financial commodities, swap dealers would fall within the pre-existing "commercial" category)?

continue with the current reports - only more timely.

10. The Commission has observed that the non-traditional commercials tend to be long only and tend not to shift their futures positions dramatically--even in the face of substantial price movements. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, would issuing the additional data on a periodic basis, in the form of a quarterly or monthly supplement, be sufficient?

11. Some reportable traders engage in both traditional (physical) and non-traditional (financial) commercial activity in the same commodity market. If the data in the COT reports are made subject to further, and finer, distinctions, such traders would have to break out their non-traditional commercial OTC hedging activity into a separate account. Would such a requirement represent an undue burden to those traders?

As long as you keep the report and requirement simple, How much extra effort is a total, and a segment. let the computers figure out the rest.

**secretary**

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**From:** Iain Bruce [iwbruce@email.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs

I have come across reports that the CFTC is planning to discontinue weekly web publication of the COT Report.

May I add my voice to those who would most strongly urge the CFTC to desist from such action and instead urge it to **continue web publication of the COT Report.**

Sincerely Iain Bruce

**secretary**

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**From:** Mike & Casey [kissmekate@nstci.com]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:14 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

WE WANT MORE TIMELY REPORTING OF COT DATA , NOT ELIMINATION OF IT.

Please keep this information available to the public. It is one of the few useful things that gets put out.

Mike Rouzer

Sugar Land, TX 77479

**secretary**

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**From:** Daryl Dietz [ddietz@ruraltel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:53 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. Certainly true hedgers should have their own category. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

## secretary

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**From:** ladybug [ladybuglw@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

DO NOT STOP ISSUING THE COT REPORT. BRING BACK THE M3 REPORT. THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

LORRAINE WALTON

**secretary**

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**From:** Gail Davies [purpleturtle51@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT reports"

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: COT Reports

As a commodity trader I'm for supporting and retaining the COT report and in making the information contained therein more specific.

Thanks,

Gail Davies

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**From:** Ed Alvarez [ealvarez1012000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:41 PM  
**To:** secretary; secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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**From:** Paul Mladjenovic [paul@mladjenovic.com]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:30 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please keep publishing the COT reports. The investing public needs as much data as possible to make Informed decisions.

Regards,  
Paul Mladjenovic

**secretary**

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**From:** Farrell Gillaspie [fgillas@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The COT report is important info for an investor to have.  
Why would this be considered unimportant by your office?  
It will only result in less investment.  
Thank You,  
Farrell

**secretary**

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**From:** eric egas [ericegas@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot Report is a vital resource

Dear Commisioners:

Please consider the fact that the COT report is a vital instrument for individuals and fund managers when assessing the market. The fact that today with the cost of communicating and tabulating information is so greatly reduced through more advanced technology it would seem you should be considering expanding the frequency and scope of this type of reporting rather than curtailing it. In a time of massive backdating of options and massive insider trading offenses more transparency is warranted rather than less.

Furthermore the removal of this reporting will serve to favor the largest constituencies against the individual and smaller trading firms. This is unfortunately in keeping with other examples this government and this administration demonstrated favoring the extreme wealthiest sector.

Please consider adding more frequent reporting rather than less.

Sincerely

Eric Egas  
Box 600  
Greenville NY 12083

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**From:** David Leake [david@warwickcapital.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sir,

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Many thanks,

David Leake

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**From:** Lawrence Brown [Larry.Brown@wedbush.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:35 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The elimination of the COT report is one more step into the dark ages unless it's going to be replaced with something more viable and informative which I doubt. Transparent mkts are what all oversight agencies are supposed to strive for. The elimination of this data gravely reverses that effort. Indeed,with the electronic reporting now available, this information should be published with a lag time of only one day, not three. But eliminate? Outrageous.

Larry Brown

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**From:** greg collins [gregergjp2005@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

please do not discontinue these reports

RGC ASSOCIATES

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**From:** Don Fessenden [Don.Fessenden@stellent.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:35 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Please continue to issue COT reports

I hear that your agency is considering a move to halt the publication of Commitments of Traders ("COT") reports. As a commodity trader, I find these reports to be most helpful and am writing to request that their publication be continued.

Thank you,

-donf

Don Fessenden III  
3252 N. Kenmore #204  
Chicago, IL 60657

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**From:** Denny Jacobson [dennyjacobson@charter.net] 7/21/06 3:04 PM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Sr/Ms,

I, for one, would like to express my strong belief that there should be a more timely reporting of COT data – not the elimination of it!! Thank you.

Dennis Jacobson

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**From:** Charles Borie [cborie@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Charles Borie  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 21 11:13 AM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Please increase the number of COT reports to increase their usefulness for securities trading purposes.

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**From:** scott@equities.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 21 AM 10:47

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Dear Sir or Miss,

I'd like to register my vote, so to speak.

Please do not discontinue publishing this report. It's very useful to me and many others.

Scott Trahan,  
Principal Broker,  
Scott Trahan Realty Brokerage  
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503.230.1917 fax

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**From:** Paul Lamont [paul@lamont@gmail.com] JUL 21 AM 10:17  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:02 PM  
**To:** secretary OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please keep the COT reports. This is a useful tool in trading. In fact, it should be released every day reporting on yesterday's data. Please make the markets more transparent with the continuation and improvement of the COT release.

Regards,  
Paul Lamont

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**From:** Jjbfirst@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 21 AM 10:47

OFF. OF THE SECRETARY

**Gentlemen:**

**Please do not discontinue issuance of the COT Reports. We need more transparency, not less.**

**James Beeson  
Ft Myers, Florida**

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**From:** scjmailbox-investments@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 21 11:19:47  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Secretary,

I believe the COT Report is a vital tool for the free market trader. It is a very useful data for individual traders like myself. By discontinuing key market information like the COT Report, the marketplace is no longer level and the integrity of the free market is deeply in question. I am sure that certain players may not want their positions known. But I am confident that the big players (institutions) will probably know it anyway and not just once a week. At a time when data is easy and cheap to gather, we should have more, not less data. Many of us are upset about the cancellation of M3 reporting and fear the same will happen to COT data. In this electronic age, COT Reports probably come out once a day, or at least with a one-day time lag. The same holds true even more for short reports. As an individual investor I feel more and more that the deck is being stacked against us. In this day and age the investment market seems to be full of scandals and it is often because of the lack of timely information to everyone. The government needs to try to keep the playing field level for everyone, not just big institutions and big business. The middle class is what made this country the great nation it is. The elimination of the middle class will make the US just another third rate nation. Those of us who are investors and enjoy the challenges of the investment market need this information. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this vital report.

Steven C. Johnson  
7235 Irongate Road  
Canton, MI 48187-2154

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**From:** Jim Jolley [jim@jolley.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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I would like these commodity reports to continue and actually be more timely. I would like to see activity reporting two or three times a week. They are necessary in order to have a level playing field in this business sector.

Jim Jolley  
Sacramento, CA

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**From:** Barkatali Lalani Inc. [lalani@shawcable.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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**From:** bruce rademacher [oilerbruce@yahoo.com] 7/21/06 2:47 PM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reportrt

Please do not discontinue publication of COT data. We need more information, not less. Thank you for your consideration of this thought. Sincerely, Bruce Rademacher

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**From:** bruce rademacher [oilerbruce@yahoo.com] **RE: JUL 21 2006 2:47**

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:47 PM

**To:** secretary

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**Subject:** COT reportrt

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**From:** Paul Balentine [pbalentine@stoneiron.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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July 21, 2006

Sir,

I am most concerned that our government is even considering not publishing the cot report. Please reconsider your positions on this matter. Thanks

Paul Balentine

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**From:** Hubbard Hafner [hubbardhafner@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:42 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

OFF. OF THE SECRETARIAT

It is imperative you perform your regulatory duties with as much transparency as possible. This report assures that traders, observers, journalists, and the public at large know what is happening in the markets.

Sincerely,  
Hubbard C. Hafner

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**From:** Ross [rcassata@cassataorg.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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COT reports come out on Friday and are reflective of positions as of Tuesday. In this electronic age, they probably should come out once a day, or at least with a one-day time lag.  
To eliminate this report work be crazy.

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**From:** Roger [lemene@jps.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:46

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Gentlemen,

As an investor I am very upset to hear that you are considering removing the COT reports. Not only should it not be eliminated, it should be made available daily with a one day delay.

Sincerely

Roger Lemene

P.S., You could also return to reporting the M3 value

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**From:** Gino Renzi [ginoilottimo@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 PM 2:37

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I for one, would very much like to see a more aggressive approach to the reporting of the cot report, with more information on a daily basis. I most certainly DO NOT WANT THE ELIMINATION OF COT REPORT, Thank you.

Best regards,  
G. Renzetti

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**From:** ngwalker@rcn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Please save the COT Report. It is very useful.  
Nicholas G. Walker

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**From:** J. P. Lockwood -'Aina Maika'i Ranch [ainamaikai@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Secretary Donovan:

I was distressed to learn from the Federal Register Online, that elimination of your weekly "Commitment of Traders" reports is even a question for consideration:

4. Should the Commission continue to publish the COT reports?

The COT reports are an extremely useful tool for small investors to be informed about what the "big boys" are trading in the options field and **should be expanded in content and timeliness - not reduced!**

Thank you,

John P. Lockwood

John P. ("Jack") Lockwood  
'Aina Maika'i Ranch  
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C.F.T.C.**secretary****From:** john kolenz [johnfk\_77@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:30 PM**To:** secretary**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 21 PM 02:30

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I strongly oppose the elimination or reduction in data provided by the CFTC in the weekly COT report. I feel this is a move away from transparency, and is frankly designed to hide market manipulation by large trading entities, Federal Reserve Bank Member firms, currently given great leeway by the CFTC to manipulate certain key strategic commodities. Indeed we know from the Federal Reserve Banks own notes and memos they have authorized Goldman Sachs to intervene in the natural gas markets and in the currency markets. Sadly the CFTC has become a partisan, largely republican dominated organization, supported by our tax dollars and CFTC management has enjoyed for too long a revolving door relationship with investment banks, to the neglect and indeed, general abuse of the trading public. The CFTC needs to greatly INCREASE transparency in the markets like the Japanese Tocom with the COT and NOT eliminate it.

I'm very disheartened the CFTC would even suggest this. IMO, the govt through market manipulation is trying to effect a two tier pricing structure, the real street price of a commodity, if you were actually to try and purchase it like it costs much more to purchase and oz of gold than what it trades for on the COMEX, and the 'paper' price. Im going to write to my elected representative, or the one that Goldman, Citi, elected through Corporate campaign contributions. The CFTC hasnt done its job in YEARS, and the silver and cattles futures market are proof of it. Shame on YOU all at the CFTC, your the biggest joke as a govt agency after the SEC. You exist to abuse small traders and protect the investment banks, and we all know the Federal Reserve Bank is behind most of this manipulation as well their own notes say they are authorizing intervention in the commercial markets. If the govt is going to intervene, and 'run' or control the prices then traders need to know what they are up against as futures trading is a zero sum game. Its supposed to be about price discovery in a free market. Now tell me all those cattles futures shorts at Tyson have cattle to deliver or all the commerical silver shorts have silver to deliver. You know and I know that is a LIE.

Clean up your act, CFTC, we are tired of paying your salaries for abuse of the general trading public so you all can work at Goldman or JPM-Chase when you leave the CFTC, as 'thanks' for a job well done fleecing the trading public.

Sincerely,

John

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**From:** Dan Schaffer [dan@ggfoods.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please continue the COT reports. They are very useful for small investors such as myself who attempt to keep informed about the markets.

Sincerely,  
Dan Schaffer  
Auburn, WA

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**From:** olshove [olshove@premierintl.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report  
**Attachments:** Eric V. Olshove.vcf

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This must not be eliminated!

*Eric V. Olshove,*

Eric Olshove  
Executive Recruiter, Sr. Partner  
***Premier International Services, llc***  
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**From:** Charles Szyman [dadszyman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

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Dear Sir,  
please do not stop the cot report  
Sincerly, Charles R. Szyman

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**From:** Lloyd Johnson [ljohn3@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Rather than discontinuing COT reports, declare them "classified" due to the "War on \_\_\_\_"  
and fill in the blank with the current "war" word du jour.

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**From:** Paul Rosenblum [prosenbl@thomasgroup.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:22 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

JUL 24 11:05 AM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

The COT report is crucial to traders. We need more timely information.

Please do not cancel the COT report under any circumstances.

Please improve the turnaround time for publishing the COT report in future.

Regards,

Paul Rosenblum  
Thomas Group  
Cell: 214 287 5604

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**From:** Kenneth Hoffmann [k.hoffman3@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:45

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Please provide more timely issuance of the Commitment of Traders report. Don't even THINK of discontinuing it.

Kenneth Hoffmann  
400 Madison Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

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**From:** talbotly [talbotly@gainusa.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 2:13:15

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Maintain publication of this report.

Michael Lyon

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**From:** Jack Parker [parkerjc@ornl.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The weekly COT reports provide important market information that should be available to all market participants to ensure efficient and transparent market operation. I would recommend releasing COT reports in a more timely manner -- i.e., with less lag between the data and release, such as the morning following the period end.

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**From:** Robert Jay [rtjay@lworld.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:09 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

21 JUL 2006 AM 10:45  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please do not stop publishing COT reports, as I find that I need them as a tool to my investing.

Thank you,

Robert Jay

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**From:** Bruce Trimath [wbtrim@outdrs.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:09 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reporting:

To whom it may concern;  
I want to make it known I do not want the  
COT Report eliminated. All statistics should open to all investors.  
W. Bruce Trimath

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**From:** elpasopat@peoplepc.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please continue to publish the COT reports.Thankyou.

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**From:** Ron Lopez [cklopez2@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:09 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Kevin Lagorio  
**Subject:** COT report

7PM JUL 21 AM 10:05

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Please do not stop this reporting, The M3 reporting has already been lost. These are the most important reports we can have . Maybe they should just take away everything so that we who are not in the know can just work blind folded, and leave it all to those in the know! Thankyou Ron

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**From:** Joseph Martin [jmartin945@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:45 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COTreport

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DO NOT DELETE this report. It is useful.

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**From:** John W [keweenawkid@chartermi.com]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:05 PM

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**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Do not stop publicly publishing the COT report . People Have a right to this data . What do you have to hide ?  
Access to this information is important . It is part of a data set that is essential in developing an accurate  
assessment of the economy .

Thank You ,

John Woolcott

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**From:** Don Precht [dprecht@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT reports."

7/21/2006 12:12:00  
OFC. OF THE SECRETARY

Please continue to report these numbers. I know you work for the "BIG" guy's but it's still not right.

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**From:** Kevin Murtaugh SBC [kmurtaugh@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Hello:

Please do not discontinue the COT reports.

In this electronic era of data collection & reporting, the cost of giving the public data should be minimal. Given less data, fewer people will trust your markets --or trade in them.

Regards,  
Kevin Murtaugh

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**From:** Ron Lopez [cklopez2@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please do not stop this reporting Thank you Ron

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**From:** Jason Farkas [JFarkas@europac.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am opposed to the elimination of the COT report. There is no valid reason to stop the disclosure of such information.

Sincerely,

Jason S. Farkas  
Investment Consultant  
Euro Pacific Capital  
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602-343-2912  
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**From:** Rob Schmidt [rschmidt@rbsinteractive.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:00 PM      OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs -

It is important that all market participants receive timely reporting of COT data.

I would be greatly disappointed if the CFTC takes any action to reduce or eliminate reporting of COT data.

Best Regards,  
Rob Schmidt  
RBS Interactive, Inc  
[www.RBSInteractive.com](http://www.RBSInteractive.com)  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:56 PM 2006 JUL 24 12:13:44  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** CoT reports

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I strongly oppose this this apparent attempt to violate the Freedom of Information act!!! I will join all groups whom oppose this ludicrous breach of Freedom!!! Sincerely, a VOTER and TAXPAYER of the United States of America and supporter of the U.S. Constitution! I cry FOUL!!!

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**From:** PaBillyBee@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:45 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please do not eliminate the weekly COT report. If anything, in todays technologically advanced environment, the COT report should be more timely (daily not weekly ).  
The elimination of this report would be a gross suppression of public information.  
This along with the termination of M-3 reporting, would smack of governmental interference in the free markets and restrict the sharing of public information as covered by the Freedom of Information act.  
If it weren't for the COT reports, we small investors would not be able to see the blatant manipulation apparent in the silver and gold markets. (Perhaps this is what the possible illumination of the COT reports is really all about).  
Thank you for you prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully

William R Halligan

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**From:** Gage McCotter [mccotter@autotruck.com] 2006 JUL 24 AM 10:43  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:47 PM  
**To:** secretary OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT  
**Subject:** COT reports

I'm writing to urge that COT data continue to be published and that the frequency of reporting it be INCREASED. At a minimum, the data should be published on a more timely basis. The current delay of 3 days can be and ought to be improved. The possible elimination of this information clearly would be harmful to the the individual investor and would only benefit large, special interests that already have an unfair advantage over small investors. We may not have the clout that all the money and paid lobbyists bring to the investment bankers and hedge funds, but we should not be deprived of the vital information available to them because of that disadvantage.

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**From:** CaptPaPa4@aol.com

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:53 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TIMELY PUBLICATION OF THE SUJECT INFORMATION

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**From:** Chuck Paden [chuckel@hawaiiintel.net] 2006 JUL 24 10:43  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:44 PM  
**To:** secretary OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT  
**Subject:** COT reports

Aloha:

I am one thousand percent against the elimination of the COT reports or any adjustments to increase time lags. I feel that this report should continue to be made available to traders of all levels. I feel strongly that the frequency of these reports should be increased to insure that the data is timely and useful to those that read these reports on a regular basis.

I have no idea why anyone in their right mind would want to decrease the frequency of these reports or possibly eliminate them altogether. The only thought that comes to mind is that government and market controllers are trying to carry on their trades in the smoke filled back rooms among the "good old boys". In this way they can stack the market in their favor. Keep it honest and we all win.

**STOP THIS INSANITY NOW!**

Chuck Paden, 7/21/2006 7:35 AM HST  
[chuckel@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:chuckel@hawaiiintel.net)

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**From:** Vincent Bressler [vincent@missionctrl.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Please do not eliminate the Commitment of Traders report. I believe that we desperately need more information not less in all of our markets. I applaud the SEC for cracking down on back dating of stock options. If anything, the COT report should be made more frequent and with a shorter delay.

If there are systemic problems, better to get them out in the open and resolved. Anything that hides the problems and allows insiders to cover themselves at the expense of the public will ultimately backfire. We are all in this together, even people sitting on a pile of money. Their gated communities and fat bank accounts will mean nothing if the system comes crashing down.

Thanks,  
Vincent Bressler

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**From:** Terry Svingen [tsvingen@comcast.net]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:43 PM

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**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Sir/Madame:

It makes no sense to stop publishing the COT report! What are these people thinking? Please do everything you can to continue it.

Terry Svingen  
tsvingen@comcast.net

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**From:** don good [dongood23@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please continue providing us traders with this valuable information and if possible increase the speed with which it is released. Thanks, Don Good

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**From:** Gary Lee [gdlee@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Instead of eliminating the COT reports the CFTC with all of it's computers and facilities should be required to provide continuous minute by minute data on the open positions.  
Gary Lee

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**From:** William Bonville [bonville@uci.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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What's this about getting rid of the COT report? Must you leave we little fellows blind as well as deaf? Worse than dumb. Criminal.

William J. Bonville  
Grants Pass, OR

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**From:** m4seem [m4seem@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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To Whom It May Concern:

Published reports of COT's are extremely important to commodity investors and traders. There is no legitimate reason to stop publishing those reports. Freedom of information is an important American asset.

Sincerely,  
Mark Seem  
Omaha, NE

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**From:** ROBERT MCGUIRE [hobie@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot Report

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To it may concern

My name is Robert McGuire and I have read that Cot Reports were going to be no more. I think that would be a mistake for these reports do really help investors out in the investing world.

I think the report could be even improved to help investors out even more by correcting the hedgers data, but even without doing anything to the report it is still to valuable to just stop releasing it.

Thank You

Robert McGuire

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**From:** Pjsc46@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I also respectfully ask you do not eliminate this report for the public's use.  
paul schoenthal

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**From:** Mary Carter [maryjosephc@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I was outraged to see that the COT Report may be suppressed in future. We need more timely reporting and more frequent reporting of COT data - not NONE!!

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**From:** Richard Adler Jr. [richardadler@sbcglobal.net]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:22 PM

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**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Eliminating the Commitment of Traders Report is absolutely WRONG. First the elimination of M3 reporting and now this? What are you trying to hide? What kind of country do we live in?

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**From:** Jacques Eysele [eyselej@gctech.co.za]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:21 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Hi

I rely on the COT Report and data to help me make important decisions concerning the market. I would therefore not like to see the COT report disappear, but would appreciate it if this very good report, May it be that it needs revising, could continue to be available and continue to help me as an individual trader.

Regards,  
Jacques Eysele

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**From:** Roger Westcott [crotchymoto@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:20 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Please continue these reports. This is the USA, not a third world hell-hole. Just by threatening not to publish it indicates a serious lack of honest commitment. Thank you

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**From:** Mark Oney [mark.oney@sabrix.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Sirs,

I have both a concern over the potential elimination of these reports, and a request to improve the timeliness of the issuance of these reports. Making the information available in a more timely manner would be much appreciated. Eliminating the availability of this data to the general public makes the marketplace less open to traders like myself.

Best,

Mark Oney

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**From:** jesse crowell [commando\_68@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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>Dear Sir:

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>I would like to put in my "two cents" for keeping the COT Report and,  
>in fact, making it MORE >timely.

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>Thank you,  
>Jesse Crowell

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**From:** Dale Quesnel [efg1@portone.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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In this day and age we should be getting more data, not less and in a more timely manner than weekly. Could you imagine trading stocks solely on a Barron's article? Weekly information in this electronic age has limited utility at best. MORE information is what we NEED!!! NOT LESS!!!

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**From:** Nkbmab@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:14 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please do not stop collecting and publishing the COT report.

The information is useful to some, easy to publish, and could keep the markets transparent and free from manipulation, which I believe is your mandate.

Thank you.

Norman Brown,  
Individual Investor

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**From:** Phil Holladay [pbhpch@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

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I urge you to continue publishing the above subject reports. Investors and traders need more, not less, information in order to be informed and make good investing decisions which permit people to become financially independent, especially after retirement.

Please do not pull down the shade any further on the financial information that the government publishes. Let the light shine in. More is better.

Sincerely,  
Penelope Holladay  
Richmond, VA

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**From:** jstaid@caseyfamilyservices.org  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Keep the COT report

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**From:** Bruce Bundsen [bbundsen@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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I would like to encourage more timely reporting of COT data and certainly object to its possible elimination.

Bruce Bundsen

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**From:** Tony [tokawat@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

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I thought we live in a free, capitalistic society. Why would you even consider eliminating this COT REPORT(unless it is some sort of mind control/control the citizens plot or ploy...I wonder...) You should do MORE TIMEL REPORTING OF IT,IF ANYTHING...we'll be watching and ready to aer others. -Tony Watkins

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**From:** ted lambrecht [tedrl@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:19 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

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we need more data not less data.....  
this country is about freedom of information...  
what is the purpose in not publishing information.....no changes to the reporting system are needed unless  
it is to make it more timely

ted lambrecht

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**From:** conk37@peoplepc.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Essential that traders, and other interested entities, have this data available in order to make sound decisions. Removal of M3 reports was bad enough. Related government agencies should be expanding, not removing previously published data.

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**From:** Brian Phillips [briankim2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:15 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT

Dear sirs,

It is my understanding that there is an intent to stop the publication of the COT report. I am not sure as to why this mandate is even being entertained, but many find the report one of the most useful published. If time allows, can you enlighten me as to why this decision is being considered?

Brian

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**From:** Nancy Walton [nancywalton@charter.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:13 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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Dear Commission,

Please DO NOT cancel the COT (Commitment of Traders) report and its weekly issuance. This report is very insightful and the information is not obtainable in any other way due to its uniqueness.

Thank you for continuing to provide public service, Cliff Walton

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**From:** RJ & Jeannette Dial [dial.rj@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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The COT reports needs to be expanded to a daily report with the data delayed by one day. This would make the data more useful. With the data collection abilities of present computers this should be no problem once a collection program has been written. Thank you. .Robert Dial  
dial.rj@earthlink.net

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**From:** Rathjen, Ronald (HOUSTON, TX-AS) [ronald\_rathjen@ml.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot report

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Do not stop this report it is very useful

**Ron Rathjen, CFM**

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**From:** Blake / Margie Mago [mbmago@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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There is no virtue in eliminating these reports and plenty of vice inherent in doing so.  
Put you oar in on making markets and ALL their participants informed.

-blake

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**From:** Dennis McCreary [kmcdrm@msn.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:09 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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I would like to see the COT reports upgraded to being issued on a daily basis instead of weekly as they are now.

Dennis McCreary

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**From:** Aaron Overman [email.aarono@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:10 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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I am writing to request that you continue publishing the Commitment of Traders (COT) Report from the CFTC. This report is vital to the continuing strength of our markets and without it traders and the public at large will be left totally in the dark.

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**From:** Larry Cole [larry@larrycole.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Keep publishing the COT data.

L. Cole

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**From:** ECSEED1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am an individual investor and I NEED the Cot report to continue investing. It is the main tool I use. Please do not omit it. Thank you, Eileen Seed Frankfort, IL.

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**From:** Fouche Jr., James [JFouche@CapeFearFarmCredit.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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I do not support the possible discontinuing of the reports. Such information is vital to the "general" public and investors, especially the "small" investor. Thank you for this consideration. James T. Fouché

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**From:** Jeff.West@hedus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:04 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I understand you are taking comments from the public about the COT report. I urge you to keep supplying this information to the market. I am a individual investor and I feel this report is needed from my government to review traders positions.

Thank you  
Jeff West

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**From:** Eric\_Nadelberg@prusec.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Sirs,  
Please breakdown the commercial long category into industry and financial user categories so we can see the influence of macro fund look a likes is having on the market. Otherwise the commercial long category is not helpful id parsing out industry users from investment banks using the commodity as a fill in on their OTC's.

Eric Nadelberg

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**From:** Susannah Sabine [ylem@iprimus.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:02 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:39

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To whom it may concern.

I am deeply disturbed by the possibility that the COT reports will be discontinued. Surely in this information age the gathering of data for the formation of these reports and their distribution should be all automated and thus their production seemly, effortless and virtually cost free.

I use the COT report in my own trading, and in my company trading, and find it an invaluable tool.

If you want to change its reporting cycle make it daily instead!

Susannah Sabine  
President  
Ylem Inc.

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**From:** Pengou.Mesmin@epamail.epa.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please,

Keep publishing the reports.

Thanks.

Mesmin Pengou  
IT Specialist, OIG.  
Phone : 202-566-0155

**secretary**

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**From:** RICHARD HEARFIELD [keysretired@webtv.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:42 AM

**To:** secretary

Don't get rid of the COT report please.

Richard

**secretary**

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**From:** Henry Chakoian [hankchak@cox.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:42 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

It is imperative to have as much information available as possible Please do not change the tatus of the COT report.

Dr. Henry M. Chakoian

**secretary**

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**From:** Jack Funderburk [jackfunderburk@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:37 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Please do not stop providing this report as it is one of the few tools small traders hve tht helps us to understand the movements of markets  
Jack Funderburk

**secretary**

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**From:** Awareness-Centre.co.uk [David@awareness-centre.co.uk]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:24 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

**Importance:** High

Dear Sir Madam

Please arrange for more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Thank you

D. Smithers

Investor for 40 years

**secretary**

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**From:** Hugh McGarry [hughmcgarry@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:02 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir,

It occurs to me that you may well choose to disregard this input since I am not a US citizen or resident. If you're still reading however I would like to make the following point as a long time investor in the US. This move to cease publication of the COT report provides a strong indication to the rest of the world that the US is moving towards less transparency rather than more. I would strongly suggest that this is not the right message to be broadcasting at time when the medium term value of holding US investments is being questioned by many foreigners.

Yours sincerely

Hugh McGarry

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**Highpoint #16-32**

**Singapore 228519**

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**From:** Emory Michael [emichael@sbcglobal.net]**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:34 AM**To:** secretary**Subject:** COT reports

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. Certainly true hedgers should have their own category. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Luke & Diane Selby [loriselby@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

don't eliminate this report; instead, publish the report in timely fashion to make it more useable. thanks...lfs

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**From:** jackstant [jackstant@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am very suprised and disappointed to have read you are considering eliminating the committment of traders report. If anything you should be increasing the frequency of this report, not eliminating it.

I'm appalled at my government. First M3 and now the COT report?

Does my government have something to hide?

**secretary**

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**From:** pooch5 [pooch5@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:48 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I rely upon these reports for investment decisions.....please dont stop reporting the COT reports.....

Rich Pooch

**secretary**

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**From:** Florence Dawson [jfdawson@bigpond.net.au]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 2:59 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

I want the COT figures each week.

F. Dawson,  
68 Liverpool Street,  
Paddington. 2021.  
Australia.

**secretary**

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**From:** RX8500@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear CFTC:

It has come to our attention that your agency is considering an action which would either cancel or delay reporting of the Commitment of Traders reports. You have requested comments from the public on this matter.

In our view, it is highly counterproductive to initiate any such changes in the current reporting rules. In fact, we believe the COT figures should be made public the same day the data has been collected, not reducing the availability of information. It is critical that your agency not eliminate or reduce this valuable source of market barometer, as it helps investors to moderate the risks they assume by exposure to the various markets.

Again, PLEASE CONTINUE THE COT REPORTS AS CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED and if any change is to be made, then please REDUCE or preferably ELIMINATE the delay in reporting such data.

Thank you,  
Joseph J. Rustick  
7 Princeton Court  
East Brunswick, NJ  
08816

**secretary**

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**From:** SAMUEL FEASTER [sjfeaster@mchsi.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please give more timely reports.  
Transparency is needed in trading for all not just the privileged.  
Sam Feaster  
Minneapolis, MN

**secretary**

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**From:** VLL [lovingfoj002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report - Are you serious about discontinuing the COT report?

Hell yes I care!!!!!!

M3 and now COT report? And you kooks claim we have transparent markets?  
For whom? The wall street banking crowd?

You guys are too obvious. Go ahead and quit publishing the report.  
Everyone has figured out the markets are rigged to benefit the banksters.

You guys are disgusting, Shame on you!

Don Bain

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**From:** Edward Hamilton [Edbud1@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

JUL 23 2006 11:27  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The idea of even considering to pull the COT from the public is an outright atrocity. First M3 now this. I ask why would you do this? You know the answer. Please keep the only useful information that the public can use to help facilitate their trading decisions and keep liquidity in the markets.

Edward Hamilton

**secretary**

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**From:** Paul Ronning [pronning@t-online.de]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:37 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Dar Mr Secretary-

I am writing to you as a concerned investor in commodities and a concerned US citizen who is appalled at the trend towards "non-disclosure" and diminishing disclosure of information by our current government- namely you and your office.

Specifically it was a low blow to open/free markets that the govt decided to discontinue M3 reporting in March.

And now you want to either diminish or discontinue the reporting of:

COT Commitment of Traders reports for commodities futures.

Instead of diminishing or even eliminating our flow of info concerning COT, you should be increasing it to at least twice a week or even daily.

There is enough collusion and insider trading that goes on between powerful parties and govt. The little guy is getting less of a chance every day in this so-called "free-enterprise" society.

Do not diminish or discontinue the COT reports.

Thank you  
Paul Ronning  
704 Thye Court  
Northfield, Minnesota 55057  
pronning@t-online.de

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**From:** Gene [gzn@midohio.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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The COT Report is an extremely useful tool for all involved with Commodities...

You would be doing a tremendous disservice to all if you discontinue this Report.

Thank You

EJD/MM

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**From:** rainmark [rainmark@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:38 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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20 JUL 21 AM 11:26

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Hello,

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday.

Removing or shortening the time delay would be preferable.

I understand that you are considering dropping the program altogether.  
This is not acceptable. Please do not drop the program.

Mark Hendershot

**secretary**

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**From:** J Futures [j.futures@googlemail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:53 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Dear Ms Donovan

I received the news yesterday that the COT report may be discontinued pending public input. Therefore I decided to write to you and to hopefully urge you not to discontinue this valuable report. I've designed this email as a more personal message to you, in order to portray how extremely important the COT report is to me.

I began studying the US commodities markets 3 years ago, and was attracted to the markets on hearing about the information contained within the COT report. I spent the 3 years up to today studying intensely the information within the report, as well as learning about the power of the COT report when applying it to market data (with the use of technical analysis software from Genesis Financial Data Systems). In two months time, I was planning to begin trading with real money. I plan to make trading a full time career. Then the news flash appeared! (Just my luck! lol!)

If the COT report were discontinued, I believe those 3 years of my life were a complete waste.

I'm sure there are thousands of people who rely on the report just like me. Please, please, please, please, please do not discontinue the report. If I could get on a plane tomorrow & get over to the CFTC headquarters (I'm based in the UK), I'd be on my hands & knees begging!

I'm hoping this message will appeal to the more personal side, rather than the commercial side, of you & the CFTC respectively.

Best Regards

Jonathan Miller  
373 Clayhall Avenue  
Ilford  
Essex  
IG5 0SJ

[j.futures@googlemail.com](mailto:j.futures@googlemail.com)

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**From:** Glenn [auag5@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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PLEASE DO NOT STOP PUBLISHING THE COT REPORT.

Thanks

Glenn Kafka  
Metuchen, NJ

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**From:** Bob Chapman [rchapryl@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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COT OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Sir,

I am most concerned to hear that the COT reports may be dropped. These are a most important set of information for trading and should be maintained.

R Chapman

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**From:** David W Behrends [luvzion@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:21 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 07 22 AM 11:06

COT OF THE GOVERNMENT

Just a note to let you know that the COT report is an invaluable piece of information to a small trader such as myself.

I hope you will carefully consider any decision to eliminate this report.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Behrends  
4944 10th Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

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07/21/06 11:11:25

**From:** Lance.T.McDonald [Lance.T.McDonald@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:03 AM

CFO. OF THE DEPARTMENT

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Timely COT reports are an important component to the investment community. Please do not deteriorate the current reporting in any way.

Sincerely,

Lance McDonald

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**From:** SJKAPPY@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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lets keep this report .. it tells us all is not well or equal in the pits

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**From:** Bob & Tracie Easley [4Easley@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please continue publishing the Commitment of Traders reports. It helps small investors understand the big picture in the futures markets.

Thank you,  
Bob Easley  
Gardendale, Alabama

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**From:** ohlinger.wa [ohlinger.wa@netzero.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:04 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Elimination of COT Report

We need timely reporting of COT data, NOT elimination !

Isnt this one more unneeded exercise by Overstaffed, Overpaid, Overpuffed, Overstuffed  
OOOOZ kids who dont know there job nor value of product to society ?

And decide since they dont understand they will eliminate it for 'economy'

Al Ohlinger,PE

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Seattle 98199

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**From:** edward hueneke [edw012@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:09 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** "cot "reports

I strongly agree there should be more timely reporting of cot data, not less

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**From:** KK Fowlkes [kk@thegate.us]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:10 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The COT report is essential for the knowledge of investors. Please do not eliminate it.

Thanks,  
KK Fowlkes

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**From:** HedgerowBB@aol.com 2/7 01:24 AM N: 24  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

This report is essential for the management of my investments.

This information should continue to be available so the individual investor has this important data to factor into our decision process.

John Haedrich  
Chadds Ford PA

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D.M.A.

**secretary**

2006 JUL 21 11:01 AM

**From:** David Callow [dcallow@humboldt1.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:34 AM

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**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Secretary,

Please keep issuing the COT reports. They are a valuable resource for traders of all kinds, and are an essential component of transparency and therefore democracy.

Sincerely,  
David Callow  
69 Riverview Lane  
McKinleyville, California 95519

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**From:** Keith Gilligan [kagey@tpg.com.au]      07/22/06 11:04  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:35 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report      CTO OF THE GOVERNMENT

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have noted with some considerable concern, that the CFTC is considering the withdrawal of publishing the weekly Commitment of Traders reports. I am not sure why the CFTC would be considering this action, but perhaps you might reply to this note with an explanation. The withdrawal of this report would seem to be a regressive step in terms of maintaining an open and free market, that is not subject to manipulation. Indeed, it seems to me to be a metric that a market regulator would be proud to publish, as it would demonstrate over time that the markets for which they have oversight are being prudently and fairly managed.

Yours with concern,

Keith Gilligan

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**From:** rick olson [rpolson@loretel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:53 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Do not quit publishing the COT report.  
It is a useful tool for those buying and selling the markets.  
It allows for transparency in the markets, and keeps everyone on a more level footing.  
Rick Olson  
Lake Park, Minn.

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**From:** Brian J. Brandt [bjbrandt@frontiernet.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

To Whom It May Concern:

Please continue publishing the COT data into the future and beyond. It is challenging enough for the individual investor to compete with professional or intuitional traders as it is. Please do not remove yet another tool that can be utilized in an attempt to level the playing field. Regrettably, M3 is dead; it needs no companion.

Regards,

Brian Brandt  
6710 S. Mill Grove Rd.  
Pearl City, IL  
61062

[bjbrandt@frontiernet.net](mailto:bjbrandt@frontiernet.net)

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**From:** David Lee [dleelevi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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COTRS. OF THE SECRETARIAT

To Eileen Donovan,  
Acting Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission,  
Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW.,  
Washington, DC 20581.

Madam Secretary,

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I, and my associates, use it almost every day when considering trades. It is about the only data the government puts out that I actually think is useful. So when I found out this information might be taken away, I get very disappointed.

By hiding key market info like the COT report, the marketplace is no longer level and free market integrity is deeply in question.

At a time when data are easy and relatively cheap to gather, we should have more, not less, data.

COT reports come out on Friday and are reflective of positions as of Tuesday. In this electronic age, they probably should come out once a day, or at least with a one-day time lag.

Please continue producing the COT Report on a weekly basis.

Regards,

David Lee

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**From:** thomas majewski [nestorseven@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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>Dear Secretary,  
> Please do not eliminate the COT report. In fact, increase the  
>timeliness of these reports. Why does the government continue to  
>disrupt the markets by eliminating usefull information and then  
>replacing  
it  
> with useless information? Is it your goal to keep the majority of  
> investors/traders in the dark so only the few insiders can continue to  
> profit? The deck is already stacked in favor of insiders...take this  
> option dating scam for example...the top 10% can cheat and get away  
> with whatever they can dream up, while an honest investor is keep in  
> the dark and taken advantage of by insiders. When will the government  
> enforce the regulations in favor of the non-insider? Who do I trust  
> anymore?

Sincerely,  
Thomas Majewski

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**From:** hk chan [hkchan118@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 27 21:13:01  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sirs,

I am dismayed to hear about the possible elimination of the COT Report, which I find to be a very useful tool in my trading strategy.

In my view we should have instead, more timely reporting of COT data (1 day time lag), and certainly not the elimination of it!

I should be grateful if you would take into account my views and the views of other traders.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Heng-Keong Chan

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**From:** tfrankoww@zoomtown.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

2006 JUL 22 AM 10:24

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Dear sir,

Please do not eliminate the above report. The financial papers I read find the reports necessary to gather the information I need to make investment decisions.

Thaqnk you,

Tom Frank

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**From:** matt bigham [mattbigham@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:38 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Without free and fair markets for all I am left with only the wish of "Land of the free and home of the brave".

Surely there is somebody who finds this obscene?

M.Bigham

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**From:** tedkosik [tedkosik@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** A request FOR Future COT reporting

2006 JUL 24 11:13:24

OFF. OF THE SECRETARIAT

To whom it concerns:

A level playing field and shared knowledge is beneficial for efficient free markets to operate well.

I recommend the resources to publish the weekly COT reports continue.

Thank you.  
Ted Kosik

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**From:** LadyLawCFC@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot Reports

2006 JUL 24 10:55 AM

CFC OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please make them more timely with daily updates. Information flow is a key part of free markets.  
Carol Chesnut

"It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong." -- Voltaire - [François Marie Arouet] (1694-1778)

On Iraq:

"If the truth is admitted, it would appear that the lives lost and the money spent have been in vain. Instead, more casualties must be sustained to prove a false premise. What a tragedy! If the truth is admitted, imagine the anger of all the families that already have suffered such a burden. That burden is softened when the families and the wounded are told their great sacrifice was worthy, and required to preserve our freedoms and our Constitution.

Rep. Ron Paul

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**From:** mike [shkmhk@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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This report should be available tp the public.

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**From:** Terry and Amy [terryandamy@frontiernet.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:10 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I would like to voice my opinion on the COT report. This vital report should be published as timely and often as possible. I use this report in making trades and losing this information would severely curb my enthusiasm for trading in the markets that are effected by this report.

Please consider not only keeping this report but publishing it more often and in a more timely manner. thank you, Terry Oldham Eagar, Az.  
85925 928.333.5196

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**From:** Michael Hendel [michael.hendel@gmail.com]

2006 JUL 21 AM 11:17

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:14 AM

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

We need MORE timely reporting of COT data not less or heaven forbid, its elimination

Michael Hendel

**secretary**

**From:** Peter Gasperini [pietrann@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:05 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Sir:

I strenuously object to suppression of information as exemplified by a squelching of M3 reporting and the contemplated elimination or decreased frequency of COT reporting.

There is no JUSTIFIABLE reason(s) for the suppression of economic data and the ironic fact of the matter is that the ultimate unforeseen consequences of such actions will be opposite to the intended goals of their perpetrators. Such actions will add further injury to the free market system of entrepreneurial capitalism that was one of the main pillars of the Republic of the United States epic and rapid rise to world preeminence. These interventionist stakes being driven into the Constitutional heart of the Republic by the greedy, by the ignorant of the core basis of our once most prosperous of all societies in the history of the world, need urgently to be removed.

Read and study those brief documents, dear sir, i.e., the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of The United States of America. They are unprecedented in the history of the world. Their neglect by these past three generations has led us down the ruinous path of socialism and big government. Freedom, Liberty and Self Determination make a people great. You are on the wrong side of this, sir, if you act to suppress rather than support Freedom, Liberty and Self Determination. Wake up, sir. Our Republic is in extremis. We are in desperate need of resuscitators not coffin nailers.

Most respectfully yours,

Peter Gasperini

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**From:** Lisa K.V. Perry [lisakvperry@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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To the Powers that Be:

Please keep the COT reports open and available to the public.

Respectfully,

Lisa K.V. Perry  
a concerned citizen

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**From:** Sandra Knight [sknight4@houston.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:41 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please continue to publish the Commitment of Traders report.

Sandra Knight

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**From:** michael bergdorf [berg2525@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:44 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Gentlemen,

First the elimination of the M3 money supply reports and now the proposed elimination of the COT reports. It is obvious that the government is in a conscious effort to curb information to the small investor like me who uses the reports in his investing activities. I do not approve of the government interfering in the market in any manner, and will vote for those individuals who will reverse the recent trend towards manipulation of the markets.

It is little wonder why corporations like Enron, Mirant, World Com and a host of others rob and steal from the public when our government sets such low standards for credibility, honesty, and fair play.

I urge you to reconsider your proposal for eliminating the COT report.

MBergdorf  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

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**From:** Dave V Long [dave.v.long@ampf.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear CFTC,  
Regarding any changes to reporting the commitment of traders, currently done weekly on Friday with three-day delay, I would like to suggest that the commodity markets as a whole, and indeed our entire society, would be best served by more transparency regarding information on trading positions, not less. Therefore I would propose that any changes to the COT reports result in more frequent reporting with a shorter time lag - in the current age of electronic data, reporting the COT twice weekly with a one day lag does not seem overly burdensome. Given our modern fast-moving markets, I cannot conceive of this having an unduly adverse affect on the parties holding the positions, and it would likely result in much enhanced stability and confidence in the commodity futures markets. Part of the price of confidence in our markets, like liberty, is constant vigilance.  
Thank you for your consideration of my comments, David V. Long

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**From:** kindspirited [kindspirited@bendcable.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:51 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

***do NOT ever, ever eliminate the COT report***

***There is absolutely NO justification to leaving the Public out in the dark when it comes to valuable reports.***

***Why would you not report the weekly actions of the Commercials and other accounts!?? It makes no sense to me as a trader of commodities.***

***Ken Ullman  
Oregon***

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**From:** Hugh Roberts [HRoberts3@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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I urge you to keep publishing the COT reports. Why are you trying to blind traders?

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**From:** Warren Clements [clemtrades@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:48 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT

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The COT reports are very important to my business, and I hope reports of discontinuing public access to this information are in error. Warren Clements Jackson Commodities

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**From:** David Rollins [davecca@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am concerned that you plan to eliminate this system of reporting. As a citizen and consumer I find this information vital to making my future investments. Do not remove from the public. Thank you.

Rebecca Rollins

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**From:** Walt Korenkiewicz [WALTKOR@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Commitment of Traders Report

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Gentlemen:

I am strongly opposed to the elimination of the COT. Many small investors such as my self rely on the report in their investment decision making process.

Elimination of the COT will only serve to hide manipulative attempts of the majors from the investing public. In actually, in todays information world, consideration should be given to rendering the report with a one day timelag as to the current three day lag.

Your strong consideration in continuing the COT and reducing the time lag of its issuance will be deeply appreciated by many small investors such as my self.

Walt Korenkiewicz  
19310 N 66th Ave  
Glendale AZ

Walt Korenkiewicz

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**From:** Bill Wall [cwall@knology.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Don't stop the publishing the cot report.  
Thank you

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**From:** Maverick 4488 [maverick4488@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Please keep the COT report

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Some people may accuse you of manipulation.  
Others (like me) find it very useful for my job.

Thanks

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**From:** Gale Ormiston [gale.ormiston@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
STATE OF MISSOURI

I ask for more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.  
Gale Ormiston  
2117 Utah St.  
St. Louis, MO 63118

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**From:** Paul Klemash [pklemash@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:35 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Let me register my opposition to any effort to limit the COT reporting period or to eliminate this data from the public informational stream.

The government data on COT statistics is vital to those of us making our own investment decisions; especially in light of the movement to self-directed 401k accounts and the elimination, to a large degree, of defined plans for retirement.

Since M3 data is no longer available and other data is unreliable, (i.e., inflation statistics, price data), elimination or curtailment of COT data would be detrimental to many people who manage their money.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and I trust you will not ignore taxpaying Americans as we try to invest intelligently and efficiently.

Paul Klemash  
McDonald, PA

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**From:** Lynn Jean [lynnj@bestimpressionsems.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:30 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports - keep them coming

Keep those COT reports coming! The electronic age makes reporting all kinds of information faster and easier so any attempt to stop the flow of information looks very, very bad.

Free countries + Free flowing information = Freedom in America

Keep America Free!

Lynn Jean  
Kingman, IN USA

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**From:** robtjoy [robtjoy@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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No more suppression of information should be the motto of the day!

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**From:** Stanley Stern [sssternmd@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:29 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please don't stop publishing the COT report. It is vital to our free trade society. We need the information on a daily basis.

To stop publishing is depriving us of vital information.

I'm concerned that our gov't is creating a playing field that favors the largest corporations and traders and putting the small investor at great risk.

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**From:** ales [primorec@volja.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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More data, please!!!

**secretary**

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**From:** John B. Usher [john.usher@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I have heard you are thinking of discontinuing COT reports. Please don't do that.

John Usher  
8323 Wrenford Ct  
Springfield VA 22152

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**From:** Charles and Jeanne [muckle@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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As a active investor I am vehemently against the rescinding of the COT report. It clearly stacks the deck in favor of lack of accountability and clear honest useful information that I as a small investor use to avoid the clearly dishonest large institutional investors. DO NOT Do THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Respectfully Charles Muckle

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**From:** Rik Graham [rikardograham@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, DC 20520

Concerning the possible elimination of COT reporting, I would like to add my name to those requesting the COT reports not be eliminated. I find the reports are a valuable source of information in commodity and currency trading and their elimination would be a great disservice to citizens.

Thank you.

Rich Graham

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**From:** Tom Pluecker [tompluecker@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:27 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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I am opposed to any interruption of the COTS reports. There are many of us depending on these reports in the course of our daily business.

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**From:** WHBlackJr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Secretary of the CFTC:

The CFTC (Commodities Futures Trading Commission) has stated it is considering elimination of the COT (Commitment of Traders) report, pending input from the public by August 20th. In response to your solicitation for public input as to this proposed change, herein, please find my comments regarding this issue.

The stated mission of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is to protect market users and the public from fraud, manipulation, and abusive practices related to the sale of commodity and financial futures and options, and to foster open, competitive, and financially sound futures and option markets.

As a market participant, I find the COT report provides a useful source of information regarding market participation and a degree of transparency that enhances open and competitive markets. Removal of this report, or any move to further limit transparency as to market participation, would defeat the mission of the CFTC to protect the interests of ALL market users and reduce market competitiveness.

Since the CFTC is funded through individual and corporate tax revenue, the intent of this organization should be more inclined to increase market transparency rather than remove data that would limit competitiveness. Congress has entrusted the CFTC to provide market oversight for the public against fraud, manipulation, and abusive practices related to the sale of commodity and financial futures and options. If the intent of the CFTC is to reduce internal costs through removal of activities associated with the compilation of data and publishing of the COT report, then

The CFTC is certainly focused on these market oversight activities. However, even with the current less than fully transparent COT report, on occasion the public may have opportunity to identify activity that falls under CFTC regulation, but was not initially noticed during normal regulatory scrutiny. Essentially, with the COT report, the public has an opportunity to serve as a backup or additional set of eyes to assist the CFTC in performance of its mission. Therefore, discontinuing the COT report would also eliminate a valuable support mechanism to achieve its mandate.

Sincerely,

W. H. Black, Jr.

CC: Senator Elizabeth Dole, (R-NC)  
Senator Richard Burr, (R-NC)

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**From:** Gary Lynn Davis [gdavis@st-tel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:41 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I am a farmer. Please keep publishing COT Reports. Keep Commercial and Non-commercial categories. Break out Index Funds and Hedge Funds as separate categories. The COT report should be available at the close of each trading day. The current system of reporting Tuesday positions on Friday after the markets close with 2 non-trading days approaching is worthless. The insiders on the exchanges know positions instantaneously. This is a clear disadvantage to a farmer. By the time you report the Commercials position on Friday it could have already changed. That's why the COT should be available each day at the close of trading. Big traders say this may divulge their position. Well, they know farmers and grain elevators positions. It's about time we knew their's. Anyone who does not produce (farmer) or handle the actual physical commodity (elevator, end user(food company, bakery), exporter) is a speculator and probably should be banned, but then we would not have liquidity.

In summary, please keep issuing the COT Reports. Break out funds separate. Issue the report each day at the close of trading or at 7:30 AM Central before the start of trading.

Thank you!  
Gary L. Davis  
Rt. 1 - Box 55  
Menlo, KS 67753  
785-855-2221 or 443-1563  
gdavis@st-tel.net

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**From:** Gerhard Abel [gsabel@prodigy.net.mx]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:41 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

7/21/2006 1:41 PM  
COT report

Good afternoon,

is it the case that the elimination of COT is under consideration ? Then I strongly object. Instead, I would like to see a still more timely reporting of the COT.

Sincerely  
Dr. Gerhard Abel

**secretary**

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**From:** Bob Rushkewicz [bobrushkewicz@linkscorp.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:40 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** "COT reports."

I understand that you are thinking of reducing, or even eliminating the Commitment of Traders report. Please DO NOT do this. We need more information, not less. If you take action to reduce or eliminate the report, the result will be an even more unequal playing field with only the big players knowing what is happening.

Thank you.

Bob Rushkewicz  
540 Lake Cook Road # 150  
Deerfield, IL  
60056

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**From:** Dr. Jim Wood [wood@ulm.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Please do NOT take away the COT reports. We need more transparency in markets, not less.

Dr. Jim Wood  
CIS Department  
700 University  
University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Monroe, LA 71209-0120  
318/342-1138  
318/342-1149 FAX  
WOOD@ULM.EDU

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**From:** alba henesy [ahenesy@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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I just wanted to say that the COT Reports should not be taken away. Why is this even being discussed? People need to have this information as an education tool. Shame on you for even considering taking this extremely informative report away.

Alba Henesy

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**From:** Jack Ralph [Jack.Ralph@tpwd.state.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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STATE OF TEXAS  
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Don't stop publishing this report. Thanks

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**From:** Jay Hunnicutt [jhunnicut@hamilton.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Please keep the COT reports available to the public and possibly shortening the time delay of the data and how you categorize the index funds in the report.

Thanks  
Jay Hunnicutt

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**From:** jeff young [jeffyng@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

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Dear Sir,  
be held accountable;

You must give us more information and do so in a timely fashion not less of it. It is your job protect the general public, not a handful of people who because of their wealth or power will have access to info that the rest of us will be deprived of. You Must Not Do That, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU ARE A PUBLIC SERVANT. You work for me and all the other citizens of this country not for a small interest group. You must serve the public interest. You must always ask, "Qui Bono?" - who benefits. If the answer is not "most of the people," you'd better have an extremely insightful, logical defence for your actions. You will be held accountable - trust me. A properly functioning market place where all of the citizens have access to the same information is the economic concomitant of a democratic political system. You look to all others like a fool and/or a greedy, gluttonous pig when you espouse the principles of democracy to the whole world then act like a totalitarian despot in the economy. No one is so dumb as to not see it. Don't kid yourself. Everyone can and does see what you are doing. Don't do anything you ought to be ashamed to tell your children about. You will never understand when they turn out to be dopers or worse who loathe you. You can not escape the cost of your behavior. Please do your job and give us more not less info and give lot to us every day when it is most useful.

sincerely,

jeff young

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**From:** David\_Engels@ferris.edu  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Being a small silver investor I used the Commitment of Traders report as part of my evaluation as the direction of silver. Please do not eliminate this valuable tool.

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**From:** Tony R. Erne [terne57x2@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** MikeShedlock@gmail.com  
**Subject:** COT report

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Commodities Futures Trading Commission,

The publishing of the Commitment of Traders (COT) plays a big role in my trading decisions and I've learned you will be instrumental in having the publication stopped.

I have a serious concern the CFTC believes censorship is the right thing to do, it's not. I can't even imagine someone wanting to stop a well used source of information like the COT.

With any sources of information, we as investors need the (COT) report for support and investment ideas.

General released to the public has changed the playing field over the years and has given the individual investor a fighting chance to "WIN" on a level playing field.

Just don't forget by squashing the little man out of the equation, you continue to suppress the right to know, and freedom of the press.

Don't throw us back 75 years, keep the COT alive and well, the investment world and the people have taken enough beatings.

V/R

Tony R. Erne

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**From:** Gacek James [james.gacek@volvo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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To the CFTC,

I wish to state my position on the COT report as being a valuable data source that should be expanded rather than eliminated .

Respectfully,

James Gacek

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**From:** Dick Brown [rebrown@hal-pc.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports  
**Attachments:** "AVG certification"

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Please DO NOT stop the Commitment of Traders report!!!  
The dissemination of trading information is vital for a free market.  
Government indexes such as the CPI are slanted and misleading. As an investor I need all of the private information I can obtain.  
R E Brown

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**From:** F. Love [falove@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:21 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** The Cot Report

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Up until today I did not know this report even existed, but people I trust seem to think it is a vital component in knowing what is going on in the marketplace. These people, in turn, give me investment advice which, in part, is based on info in the COT report which now comes out weekly.

So any attempt to reduce the frequency of such reporting must be viewed as yet another move to limit information which SHOULD by rights be available for the use of EVERY investor.

I urge you to NOT reduce the frequency of the COT reporting, as private investors need every bit of info we can get to have any hope of making money in today's markets. I realize that there may be budgetary constraints or other problems which lead you to believe that such an action would be beneficial to you or your superiors. Let me assure you that such is NOT the case.

People are already up in arms about the elimination of the M3 report. This would be just one more indication to me that the government exists to serve people with BIG MONEY and not us rank and filers down here in the bunkers. Why? Because the ones with big money will already KNOW such info, and probably a whole lot faster than any weekly report you can issue. THEY can afford to PAY for it. I can't- and wouldn't know what to do with it if I had it.

So you just go right ahead and stop doing your job if you want to. See where it gets you.

Me? I am just watching my money go down the drain. Along with the rest of the market.

Cheers,

Frank

P.S Just in case you don't understand plain English. KEEP THE COT REPORT coming out on a weekly basis!!!!

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**From:** Gene Drollinger [g952@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:18 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

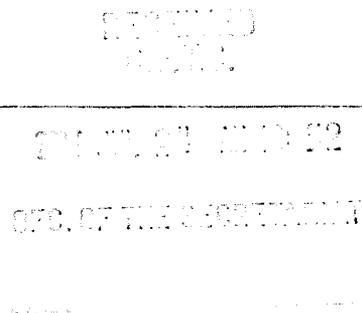
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Please do not eliminate the COT report. We need more information not less.  
Thank you Gene D

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**From:** Micheal Simpson [simpsoni@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:17 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports



**Dear folks:**

**I received an E-mail this morning that tells me...**

"The Commodities Futures Trading Commission has indicated that it may stop publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report, pending input from the public by Aug. 21. Pepe wrote on this a while back, and I use, and have used, these data with great success over the years. In fact, I usually buzz each Monday, and it played a HUGE role in my being out of stocks during the bear of 2000-2002.

They have already gotten rid of M3, one of the other most important data that we use as traders and investors (both individual and institutional).

Do I still live in America? Why must we be kept in the dark? So they can make a bigger mess without us knowing, I suspect -- I hate being that cynical, but it sure feels that way. Maybe they should take my Bloomberg away, and my Treasury quotes, turn off the lights, and have me GUESS what to pay?"

**I don't know what others are giving you for feedback on this idiotic idea, but personally, I want you to leave this report alone!**

**Are you guys serious! *Do not stop Publishing this report!* Why would you want to do this?**

**I have been wondering for quite a while if performing your function as a "watch dog agency", is more about protecting the interests of big money and government than it is about protecting anyone else. They do seem to own you like big Pharma owns the FDA.**

**I am not confused at all. At a minimum, this proposal indicates to me you sure as hell are not looking out for my interests as a small guy trader who uses this information daily. In fact, I am going to copy my representative - Doc Hastings - on this to see if he support this kind of obvious BS. You may hear from him.**

**Really folks!,.... have any of the people making these proposals in your agency ever traded commodities at all?! What are you guys - Idiots?**

**Michael Simpson**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

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**From:** Scott, Anne [scottam@wsu.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern over the possible elimination of weekly COT reports. Instead of eliminating COT reports we should have timelier reporting of this data. Please **do not eliminate** the COT reports! Thank you.

Anne M. Scott  
Washington State University, Pullman

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**From:** Eric Brandt [zeohsix2002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I am a voting US citizen/taxpayer and am asking that the COT report not be eliminated. You do little enough as it is for the tax paying public that funds your operation to police the futures markets (that I think are manipulated and stacked against the individual traders and investors.) Eliminating the COT report will allow even more rampant "naked shorting" of futures markets by large corporations and trading houses (remeber, they don't pay your salary, the US Taxpayer does!) When the futures markets are dominated by a select group of sellers that have radically oversold the market with contracts far exceeding the existing supply, this information should be made public. I am watching the outcome of this decision and will remember anyone that was associated with the elimination of the COT in future years. Thanks for your consideration, Eric Brandt

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**From:** Tom Smith [tomrsmith@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** save the COT report

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Hey, guys. I really like and use the COT report in my trading. Please don't cut off an important part of what I use to provide for my family. Thanks

Tom Smith  
tomrsmith@sbcglobal.net

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**From:** jcamptwo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006 1:10 PM  
COT OF THE COMMODITY

DEAR SIR, PLEASE DO NOT DISCONTINUE REPORTS OF THE "COT" AS PUBLISHED NOW AND PLEASE INCLUDE SPREAD DATA ON COMMERCIAL TRADERS. THANKING YOU, JOHN VERDERER

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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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PLEASE DO NOT ELIMINATE THIS REPORT.....in fact, it should be done daily with timely information.

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**From:** Gonzalez, Martin [Martin.Gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us] *7/21/06 1:05 PM*  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:05 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report  
**Attachments:** Martin.Gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us (Martin.Gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us).vcf

Please keep it coming. mg

Martin Gonzalez  
Manager of Bond Programs  
Austin Housing Finance Corporation  
<<Martin.Gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us (Martin.Gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us).vcf>>

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**From:** Stephen.Smith@fciconnect.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Please do not cease reporting of COT data. This data is critical to hedgers as well as traders.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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You guys are crooks....why discontinue the COT report?

Larry Wanta

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**From:** Bryan Allen [b\_avocet@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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TWIMC,

Suppression of information by our government is getting all too frequent. Now you want to further rig the cards for the big boys while we retail guys get sheared. No thanks. Keep the COT report. Enough is enough.

Bryan Allen

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**From:** Marshall and Evelyn Cooley [hermits@mvtel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:00 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report  
**Attachments:** "AVG certification"

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I implore you to not take away even more critical information from the public, as was recently done with the elimination of the M3 report.--Marshall Cooley [hermits@mvtel.net](mailto:hermits@mvtel.net)

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**From:** Ken Sew [kensew@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:00 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Elimination of COT report is not an option....in fact I feel COT report and especially the short report are not reported in a more timely fashion so ALL TRADERS OR INVESTORS CAN SEE WHO IS SELLING AND WHO IS SHORTING, OTHERWISE THIS WHOLE EQUITY GAME IS STACKED AGAINST THE SMALL GUYS THAT CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY THEM SELF A SEAT ON THE INSIDE. FIRST IT IS THE M3, NOW THE COT REPORT, WHAT IS NEXT, THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAT, THE PUBLIC WILL JUST BE NOTIFY WHO IS APPOINTED TO BE PRESIDENT.  
KEN

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**From:** shawkat ali [shawali99@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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I demand that the CFTC CONTINUE to publish the COT report on a timely and useful basis for the public. This is one of the few government reports that does help the little guy. The big guys all have their channels and research departments.

We need one for the gipper!

Shaw

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**From:** SANDERSMAPLE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Mr. Bush take the cot away and you will not recieve my family and my vote.

The country is filled with to much corruption as it is.

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**From:** Kenneth Ledlow [ledlow@raspet.msstate.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Dear Sirs:

We need the cot reports at least as often as we receive them now. Please do all you can to make sure these reports remain available.

Regards,

Kenneth L. Ledlow

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**From:** Dave Hunchuk [dhunchuk@dccnet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Do NOT eliminate the COT Reports. Have the information released on a daily basis.

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**From:** --AW [alexw@dreamdaily.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Please continue the publication of the COT report

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DATE 07/21/06  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Secretary,

Please continue the publication of the COT report.

It has been a very valuable tool in accessing the direction of the commodity markets for many years.

Please continue the publication of the COT report.

Thank you,  
Alex Wertheim

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**From:** friedel [friedel@fsnwpa.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

FRIDAY, JUL 21, 2006 12:50 PM  
SECRETARY@FSNWPA.ORG

You must continue to publish this report. Americans already work at a disadvantage of information from the government of officials that WE elect. Please don't make things anymore difficult for us. Remember the government's job is to serve the people, not their own agendas.

Friede Lundell  
Erie, PA

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**From:** Molly Johnson [bijouxbaby@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

Do not eliminate the cot reports, but rather make them more timely. Thank you, Molly Johnson

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**From:** MaryAnn Gonyea [mgonyea@urbansigncompany.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

7/21/06 12:46 PM  
COTR. OF THE SECRETARY

I oppose any and all changes to the current reporting program.  
MaryAnn Gonyea  
856-691-8388  
740 W. Oak Rd.  
Vineland, NJ 08360

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**From:** lee & Carolyn Miller [orlandmiller@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:45 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report Comments

In a day where the small investor seldom is able to play in the market on a level field, the loss of information contained in the COT reports would clearly make it a greater risk for me.

If any change is to be made to this COT report, it should be improved real-time information. (a lag of one day or so). Information from the government about what is going on is crucial. Wholesale investors can get this information, but retail investors like myself rely on the COT report to manage our risk. In the "information age", it is very alarming that the government is considering sharing "less" rather than "more" information. Information about and from our government is a clear measure of liberty and liberty is worth protecting if you want individuals to invest in the commercial market. I urge you to continue the COT report and consider reporting this information as close to real-time as possible.

Carolyn Miller  
Vancouver, Washington, USA

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**From:** Tyler Phillis [tyler.phillis@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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COT OF THE SECRETARY

I understand that the CFTC has indicated that they may stop publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report, pending input from the public by August 20th. I'd like to take this opportunity to provide my input. I think the COT report is an invaluable tool for traders and investors and should not be discontinued by the CFTC. I use the report, so do many traders that I know and know of.

This news has made many in the investment and trading community very nervous, particularly since the Federal Reserve suddenly stopped publishing the M3 money supply numbers. I think that the CFTC should consider the usefulness of the COT report and the apparent effort by our government in general to reduce transparency as two good reasons to continue publishing the it. We in the financial industry rely on information...and the COT report is perhaps one of the most useful sources available.

Thank you,

Tyler Phillis

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**From:** wisaksen@charter.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear CFTC;

I was shocked to hear you are considering getting rid of the COT reports.

These reports should be available more often, not removed from the general public. You are messing with the free market system, isn't it bad enough they took away the M3 reports! Why, manipulation by the government.

It must stop here, you must overdisclose not under disclose!!!!

Concerned Trader,

W Isaksen

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**From:** Bruce Schaerges [bschaerges@cinci.rr.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:38 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

FRID JUL 21 12:38 PM '06  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I support the continuation of the COT reports for transparency and integrity of the markets. It is my belief that America needs to be confident that over-manipulation of the markets isn't the rule – as in the silver market where a few entities continually control the majority of the short positions.

I strongly believe this: Prov, 20:10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

Please keep the markets honest and transparent.

Bruce A Schaerges

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**From:** wijosaamt@yahoo.com

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:38 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Do not discontinue this vital report. The COT report is a very useful investing tool that must remain available to the financial public.

Sincerely,

William Turner

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**From:** Mike Travagli [mtravagli@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:35 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, DC 20503

Dear Secretary,

Please add my name to the list of private investors who request that the COT report be continued and in a more timely manner if possible.

Sincerely,  
Michael Travagli  
3842 Turkeyfoot Rd  
Westminster, MD 21158

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**From:** Peter [pz66@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:35 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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COTIS.COTIS@COTIS.COTIS

Please do not stop reporting the COT report

Thank you Peter Zeffer Atascadero Cal. pz66@charter.net

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**From:** Quilez, Alejandro B [PVTC] [alejandro.b.quilez@smithbarney.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:30 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

7/21/06 12:30 PM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sir:

The COT is an important tool in keeping the "market playing field" level. Without this important tool small investors will not be able to gauge accurately the markets. I plead with you to keep the COT reports.

Respectfully,

**Alejandro Quilez-Bonelli**  
**Financial Advisor**  
**One Citibank Drive PL Norte**  
**San Juan, PR 00926**  
**Tel. 787-625-6423**  
**Fax 787-625-6450**  
**Alejandro.b.quilez@smithbarney.com**

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**From:** Christopher Winkler [cwinkler@sdswest.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** PLEASE KEEP THE COT REPORTS

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Please keep the COT reports. We need them very much and I can't believe you would stop publishing them.

Best regards,

Chris Winkler  
SDS West Corp.  
888-567-1406 x 78018

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**From:** Gilbert Zekveld [gzekveld@sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:41 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Dear Sir, Madam

I am very disappointed at your intention to discontinue publishing the cot report. One by one our freedom to info is being reduced or taken away e.g the M3 money supply. Please do not discontinue this valuable and transparent info.  
Gilbert Zekveld

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**From:** Biggins, Rachel A PWR [Rachel.Biggins@pwr.utc.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:44 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

You've requested input from the public on the possibility of stopping the publication of the Commitment of Traders. This is my input, do NOT take away the COT Report. Information contained within the report is invaluable.

Thank you.

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**From:** Mike Massimini [mfmassimini@yahoo.com]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:41 PM

**To:** secretary

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**Subject:** COT reports

To all concerned

Do not stop publishing the weekly COT reports; publish them more often!

And if the report is no longer published, how much will your budget get cut for the reduced amount of work/information you will be producing? \$50 million?

A very small trader,

Mike Massimini

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**From:** Douglas Keene [dkeene1225@msn.com] 24 JUL 06  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The COT reporting must not be eliminated. The information provides very important information to those of us who trade. In fact, the information is released later than it needs to be. Perhaps the COT can be released more timely.

Douglas Keene  
58 Main Street  
North Smithfield, RI

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**From:** Sunryse18@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:36 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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I, as an investor in the economy of this country, request more timely

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**From:** Sunryse18@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I, as an investor in the economy of this country, request more timely COT reports.

I will, at the moment leave it at that.

Sharon M. Samtur

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**From:** stevefoos@charter.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Commitment of Traders

The COT report is very important information for small investors. Please do not do away with this report in August. We rely on this information to give more of a level playing field to smaller investors. I really don't understand why you would do away with this information.

Sincerely,

Steve Foos

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**From:** Hammer4999@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** .COT Reports

21 JUL 2006 15:19:00  
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I want an INCREASE in information concerning these reports, not a decrease. This attempt to conceal valuable information looks like an attempt by the large traders to create and trade on insider information.

Mike Butts

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**From:** Dauer, Keith L [keith.dauer@mnsu.edu]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:18 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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We already have enough "secrecy". We don't need anymore. You must NOT stop putting out COP data.

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**From:** Sunkenraft@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I hope you continue COT report on precious metals and make reports more expansive.  
Richard Ranft

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**From:** gregory quinn [gregquinn@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear Sirs,

I am concerned that you are contemplating the elimination of the COT Reports. I wish to urge you to not only to maintain the reports but to improve them. I would like to see daily reports in graphic form. That is charts of the commodity and the COT Daily Reports. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Gregory Quinn

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**From:** J. Fielden [jos88@qldnet.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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**From:** CA4100@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** CA4100@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 11:58 AM

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We as small traders need these reports to continue. J L Kendall Bx 1268 Flagler Bch Fla.

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**From:** Anthony Low [low@compuserve.com] 8 JUL 21 2006 3:07 PM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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To the Commodities Futures Trading Commission:

Please do not eliminate COT reports.

We have enough market manipulation already. Our regulators are supposed to work for transparency in the marketplace, not obfuscation. This would be a step in the wrong direction.

-Anthony Low

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**From:** Elaine Meyer [elaine55@yellville.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 21 3:06 PM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Do not stop publishing COT Reports. Bad business. First the M3, now this? This is outrageous. Citizens have a right to know whats happening. This is supposed to America....everything out in the open. Yeah, right.

Elaine Meyer  
Yellville AR

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**From:** Krakovsky, Joe [Joe.Krakovsky@EmeraldMaterials.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:04 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 3:15:47

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Greetings,

Please give us more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it like the M3.

Best regards,

Joe Krakovsky

Voter and taxpayer

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**From:** Manea, Ion (Bolton) [imanea@husky.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 4:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,

I started following COT data more than a year ago, and I think this information is valuable and should continue to be reported.

Thank you for your consideration to the issue at hand.

Regards  
Ion Manea

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**From:** pat rainoff [al99crp3@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 4:35 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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**From:** Janice Y. Preston [jypreston@vistapg.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Secretary,  
There has been a suggestion that the COT report will be eliminated. This would be a very bad thing. It is used by many analysts who are not on the inside. Please consider increasing the availability of this information, not decreasing it.  
Thank you.

Janice Y. Preston, MBA, CPA, PMP  
Vista Performance Group, LLC  
Project Management at the Speed of Business  
[jypreston@vistapg.com](mailto:jypreston@vistapg.com)  
Office: 949-859-7004  
Mobile: 949-433-7330  
Fax: 949-587-1022

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**From:** Paul Hamilton [phamilton@bwaarchitects.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Dear Secretary,

As a concerned precious metals 'investor', I support the continuing of disclosing the COT report. Please see that this report continues to serve the 'investor' community.

Thank you,

**Paul Hamilton**

**BWA Boynton Williams & Associates**  
4455 L.B.J. Freeway, Suite 820  
PHN : 972.661.5461  
FAX : 972.661.5449

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**From:** Ed Schroeter [eschroet@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I think the COT reports should be expanded to separate the large non-commercial traders into funds and others.

Edwin M. Schroeter, CFP  
Amarillo, Texas

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**From:** JTaylor385@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Do not stop publishing these reports. Please.

James Taylor

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**From:** kate [corricon@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

Dear Sirs

We rely on the COT reports and object to any procedure change that would make access to them less accesible.

JAN BRODERICK

**secretary**

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**From:** Chuck Aultz [caultz@msn.com]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:59 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Hi,

I use the weekly COT report a lot, and it would hurt me as an individual citizen to lose this tool! Thank you!

Charles Aultz

**secretary**

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**From:** PegMo [pmoseley@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am **against** the **elimination** of the COT.

What we **need** is a **more frequent** manner of **reporting**.

Thanks,  
phm

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Barry Donesky [bdonesky@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

The COT reports are an essential tool for commodities traders (especially the small trader) to be able to participate in the market with some basic information with which to assess risk and reward. It is essential for that information to be readily available in order to create as level a playing field as possible.

Sincerely,  
Barry Donesky

**secretary**

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**From:** Larry Valentino [lval012001@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:20 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

I do not wish to see the COT reports less than once a week. In the information age, these reports should be coming out twice a week to help traders. Remember profitable traders pay taxes.

Thanks

Larry

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**From:** Mitchell, Hunt [Hunt.Mitchell@morgankeegan.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:14 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

It has come to my attention that the CFTC is contemplating eliminating the COT reports. These reports are extremely important to me as well as many other people I know in the investment and commodities communities. If anything, the reports should be made available on a more timely basis as well as more frequently.

These reports are extremely instrumental in analyzing the positions held by commercial hedgers and speculators in the markets, which is vitally important to how I position client portfolios.

I strongly urge you to NOT eliminate these reports.

**secretary**

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**From:** Ramdeen, Andre (CA - Toronto) [aramdeen@deloitte.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:00 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep the COT report ALIVE!

Regards,

**André Derek Ramdeen**

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**From:** Robert TORRINGTON [rtorrington@rogers.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

As a small investor I feel the COT reports give me a fighting chance in the markets. I know of no other way to see how the big guys are using the market . The COT report is my last factor in the decision making process. All it takes is to look at the data and one can see if the small investor is being used by the large ones. Please don't remove this valuable tool.

Admittedly the following is a form letter email from the people I pay to gather the reports for me. You have probably seen it before, but I do think it is correct .

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. The Enron fiasco demonstrated the need for increased transparency, not less. In general, any changes should not result in discontinuing, suspending or delaying, the Commitments' report

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.

The COT report information cut-off is a Tuesday, but is released on Friday. It would be more useful if the data were released on the same day as the cut-off.

A problem that needs clarification is with the hedge fund: it can be categorized as a Commercial trader without position limits by using an intermediary swap dealer.

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.

R Torrington

**secretary**

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**From:** Michael N. Fein [1feinmn1@cox.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:05 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Mr. Secretary,

Relative to industry, I am a small investor who derives important value from the COT reports. My advisors make investment recommendations to me based upon the data.

I strongly oppose the elimination of COT reports, and if anything, would appreciate they be made more timely. The small investor should not be further trampled, or have his playing field steepened relative to the "big boys", by making less data publically available.

Thank you for your consideration of my position.

Michael N. Fein

**secretary**

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**From:** P B [smiles45pb@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT

Madams/Sirs:

What could possibly be good about hiding COT statistics???????  
SAVINGS US CITIZENS MONEY AGAIN I AM SURE. pETER bACH

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## **secretary**

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**From:** James Redd [reddjc@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Take away the COT REPORT , why not !!!!! The little Man dose not need to know whats going on . Only the Big Dogs need to know. Why not keep us in the dark ?Makes sense to me !!!!!!  
Thanks for the HELP ,  
JAMES REDD

## secretary

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**From:** Ray & Annette [rchalmers@snip.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

As an additional response to your request for comments, I would again like to say that I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. Certainly true hedgers should have their own category. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

Ray Chalmers

## **secretary**

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**From:** Alain Bouchard [bouchard\_alain@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

The data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday.

With technology currently available now,  
perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days would be a great progress.

Thank you.

**secretary**

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**From:** Liv Synnøve Madsen [l-s-mads@online.no]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:25 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

To whom it may concern,

I am very upset over the discussion of eliminating the COT. I am afraid I will be contacting government representatives on this discussion. This is a vital report to transparency and without it is inviting illegal goings on.

Yours truly,

Kevin Merry

**secretary**

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**From:** Don Eagleman [doneeagle2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I find the COT reports to be very useful. So useful, I wish they were published daily. Please do not discontinue them.

Don

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**secretary**

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**From:** Carlos Balbin [cgbalbin@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:11 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Come on guys, what now?

First M3 and then this?

we are in the information era, in a free market and in  
a free country isn't it?

Regards

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Plm2001@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** support@genesisft.com  
**Subject:** COT Report

As an individual trader, my livelihood depends on all the information I can get to ensure successful trades. Please do not deny the trading public like myself pertinent information contained in the COT Report. This information must continue to be made available now and in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Miller  
210 Mesa Vista  
Anthony, NM 88021

**secretary**

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**From:** Peck Hayne [phayne@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 6:44 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please do not drop these important COT reports!

**secretary**

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**From:** charles pulte [charlespulte@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 6:31 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please do not quit publishing COT data. I am an active trader, and rely on this tool as much as any tool that I use. Thanking you for yiu,r time and consideration. sincerely ,Charles Pulte  
c.pulte@sbcglobal.net

**secretary**

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**From:** Rod Boudreaux [rodbdx@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 6:05 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Jul 23, 2006  
West Hills, CA 91304-2213

Dear Secretary,

I'm just a small investor/trader competing from my home. Eliminating the COT Report will further stack the deck against people like me. I hope that this isn't your purpose.

Yours,

R A Boudreaux

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Cierlitsky [cjier560@ptd.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 6:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am a novice trader and I use the COT Report as my first screening tool to select a possible trade. PLEASE do not take this vital information away. Thank you.

RJC

**secretary**

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**From:** LEE SWANSON [ldswanson@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:39 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please eliminate the weekly cot report and replace it with 1 minute tick up dates. Get with the computer age. Lee Swanson

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Jack [jdavis517@elp.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

**Please do not discard the COT report. It is very useful to me in managing my investments.**

**Jack Davis**

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Peterf1023@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I believe the COT report should be made on a daily basis, not a weekly basis 3 days after the facts. I seriously urge you NOT to cancel the COT report.  
Peter Franklyn

**secretary**

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**From:** Matthew Fluke [m8fluke@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please continue publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report. This information is very valuable to me and the rest of the investing public. Market transparency is important to free markets.

Matthew Fluke  
Eureka, CA

7/24/2006

## **secretary**

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**From:** ANITA REISNER [adreisner@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The continuation of hiding and manipulating information will only lead to manipulating yourselves out of office !

Your destroying our constitutional rights to know is not living up to the spirit of democracy it's more like " a mother eating it's young !!!!

It's time to change your prevailing ways and recognize that returning to a less secretive country will serve and benefit ALL of it's people .

Respectfully

A D Reisner

**secretary**

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**From:** Roger Altman [bpri@frontiernet.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:29 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Terminating the COT Reports

Sir:

The WHOLE POINT of the COT report is to level the playing field enough to give the small trader a fighting chance to profit in commodity trading. If you eliminate this service, the big fish, with their inside information, will have an absurd advantage over the rest of us.

What were you thinking? It's un-American.

After seeing M3 reporting eliminated, and now this, I can only conclude that America is rapidly turning into the land of the privileged, and abusing the little guy is now an aggressive goal of the very same regulators who are paid to neutralize the power elite.

I, for one, will stop trading the day the COT report is no longer available, and I plan to do everything in my power to get others to join me.

Roger Altman

## **secretary**

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**From:** Richard Kingsbury [rkingsb@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not discontinue this report. The information is relied upon by myself and many many other people.

Discontinuing it will certainly look like there is vital information being withheld from the public which is not appropriate.

Richard Kingsbury

**secretary**

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**From:** Lester Lee [Lester.l@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:05 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

As an individual investor, I review the COT reports on a regular basis to get a sense of what the "big boys" are doing. This is an important tool since these reports provide transparencies into the commodity supply/demand picture. We depend on the government to provide a level playing field in financial markets because that allows small investors to have confidence in the marketplaces. Your weekly release of the COT reports is an important contributor to that goal.

PLEASE KEEP THE COT REPORTS

Thanks

Lester Lee  
Quincy, MA.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Cordon Geisam [crgeisam@telus.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:41 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not stop this report. Give the little guy a chance.

Cordon Geisam

**secretary**

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**From:** Jeff Scott [jrs9@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

How can you possibly consider not reporting cot data, Do you people want all confidence to be lost in the markets. You can not manipulate your way to prosperity. Suppressing M3 won't and is making matters worse. Confidence is waning and you better wake up

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Fitzgerald [fitzotd@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:27 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir : I find it increasingly hard to believe that the U.S, Government is not actively covering up Fiscal Malfeasance. The stoppage of the COT reporting will join the cancellation of the Treasuries M3 reporting in the apparently never ending cycle of denying usable Fiscal and Investing information to Tax Paying American citizens. There can be no rational reasons to cease publishing a report as useful as the Commitment of Traders. One can only imagine a need to cover market manipulations or price fixing as the beneficiaries to such a move. Please do not allow the COT publication to cease.

Regards,  
Robert Fitzgerald

## secretary

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**From:** A B [mailto:mailyourstuff@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

Please continue reporting commitment of trader data.  
It is an important and helpful tool. Also, please shorten the 3 day delay between when the CFTC receives the commitments of traders data, and when the information is released publicly. The markets need more transparency, not less, as this transparency enables markets to trade more effeciently and to be priced more accurately.

Regards,  
Aaron Boyce

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## secretary

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**From:** Tom [tom@realign.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not stop publishing cot reports.

We need more transparency, not less.

Tom deSabla

## **secretary**

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**From:** David Cross [dcross@ucalgary.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not discontinue the weekly COT reports. I refer to them every week, track the data in a graphing program and follow third- party commentary on the reports religiously. They are of great importance to me as an individual investor.

In fact I would rather see them improved in two major ways:

- 1) More timely - the three day delay publishing data to Tuesday on Friday could surely be improved given the huge advances in data collection.
- 2) More transparent - identification of positions of major traders as has been done on TOCOM in a summary form.

Thank you.

David Cross

## **secretary**

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**From:** Rob Rodgers [rsr@mindtwin.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** a thought on discontinuing the COT report

Please do not do so, this is one of the key checks and balances in the investment space that provides individual investors a small amount of the data available to large investment players.

Thank you.

**secretary**

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**From:** Frankie [frankie.adams@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

Dear Ms. Donovan:

Thank you and your department for publishing the weekly COT reports. Recently, I read the department is soliciting comments to complement a review of potential changes to the report. Without a doubt, you should publish what you know accurately and regularly. Weely publications seem to be a good compromise to reflect change versus other time periods. To discontinue publishing because the report does not present the full picture is unquestionably the wrong path to pursue. If incomplete information exists, interested parties will look to complete the picture. It should be your goal to assemble the information necessary that more fully reflects current situations- not stop publishing what you do know or can obtain.

I believe it is a good idea to regularly review everything, I would be shocked if this receives strong consideration to the discontinuance side. Ultimately, prices on everything catch up to reality. Better information moves us towards those levels quicker and with less volatility. With poor information, fear and greed move prices to much higher and lower extremes than they would or should be. It hurts everybody, breeds, distrust, causes irrational decision making and amplifies problems. Everyone is better served by prices ebbing and flowing to their appropriate price level as smoothly as possible.

Please consider expanding the COT report to include the gaps you feel are missing, not the opposite.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Frank

**secretary**

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**From:** William Barron [wdbarron3@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:36 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report Importance

Dear Sirs:

With the decreasing amount of reliable economic data from the US Government the loss of the weekly COT report

would seriously impair my investment world. Believe this data is vital to the continual functioning of a viable economy.

Your support in this matter is critical.

Sincerely,

W.D.Barron, A Plain Investor

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Charles Crowl [ccrowl1@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

We need more information, not less. My vote is to keep COT reporting on silver.

Charles Crowl  
228 Falcon Drive  
Pasadena, MD 21122  
(410) 255-9102

**secretary**

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**From:** Vern Souder [vs100@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:00 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Please DO NOT stop publishing the COT Reports. To do so would be a great dis-service to the trading community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vern Souder

## secretary

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**From:** Mike [trably@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

To Whom it May Concern,

The COT reports should be updated and reported on a daily basis, not a weekly basis. The mere hint of elimination of these reports smacks in the face of government collusion with the big money boys. Twenty years ago I could see weekly reporting. This is 2006. Computers track everything on an up to the second basis. It would only take one little software program to run automatically to report who holds what and report this to the public on a realtime basis. The fact that the COT reports are still published only once a week and three days late already smells bad.

This is the age of information. I want more info not less.

There is only one reason for COT reports to not be updated on a real time basis. Most of the citizens that follow or trade commodities know the reason. Money is flowing from the commercials to the politicians in one way or another so they can continue to financially rape all other market participants.

It would be nice if my government would do the right thing for a change.

Michael R. Clause  
New Jersey

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**From:** Gary Whitt [waho1@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not hide the COT report information. This is America, the right to know information is an important foundation of our democracy. Stop taking away information, like M3 no longer published.

Gary Whitt

**secretary**

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**From:** BAPABELL@aol.com

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:54 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

DON,T STOP THE COT REPORT  
WE ALL NEED THIS INFO  
IN FACT REPORT IT EVERY DAY

BARBIE BELL

**secretary**

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**From:** Ron Dunphy [r.dunphy@sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

please retain the COT reports

## secretary

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**From:** candaul [candaul@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:47 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Please consider this a formal request to continue delivering the COT reports on a weekly basis as a minimum. In this rapidly growing information age I see no reason why this report shouldn't be available on a daily basis. Thank you.

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**From:** Dana Dobbin [danadobbin@eastlink.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To the CFTC:

Suppression of information is anti free market. Please do not eliminate COT data.

Sincerely,

D Dobbin  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

**secretary**

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**From:** jgns6244@hello.net.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Digital signature follows.

**secretary**

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**From:** Archie Graham [archie.graham@archieandercaltd.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:44 AM  
**To:** OGC Internet Mail; secretary; OEA; International; DMO Mail Box; information@nfa.futures.org  
**Subject:** Retail/OTC Forex Trading in the USA a futures transaction or not

May I firstly apologise to have written to all of your respective departments as I felt the need to do so hoping that by law of probability I will be in contact with the right one and get the lead I need.

My enquiry relates to the ensuing Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Refco FX Associates LLC in the Southern District of NY, which I am reasonable certain you are familiar with.

Without boring you with all the details, I read with interest the transcript of the 20<sup>th</sup> July relating to a motion put forward by Todd Duffy from Duffy & Amedeo LLP, for the ad hoc committee of Refo FX customers.

In the said transcript I noted that the Presiding Judge Drain referred to the nature of Retail Forex account holder as engaging in futures transactions by virtue of his statement **“These people were smart enough to engage in futures transactions”**.

As an investor from outside the USA (albeit a small investor) with due interest in this matter, I have been working on a document following through the process of this case and the investment climate in the USA for Retail Forex Traders from overseas and will like some clarification on the matter as it might relate to your respective department.

In my working documents I have come to note a fundamental gap between the interpretations “Futures Transactions” of the Judiciary system and that of the Executive Bodies like yours.

Given the inference in this case, am I right drawing conclusions that the lack of involvement of the futures regulators in the USA questions your reputation to protect investors in future transactions in the courts as it relates to Retail Forex Trading by virtue of difference in the interpretation of what construes futures transactions in the court of law?

I am aware and have read through over and over again such published documents as “Trading In The Retail Off-Exchange Foreign Currency Market: What Investors Need To Know” by the NFA and which I’ll be referring to my working document, however the questions that still permeate through my research and yet to be resolved with the outcome RefcoFX account holders demise includes not least of them:

- ❑ Why the differences in regulatory treatment and protection of the Retail Forex Trade between the USA and Canada.
- ❑ Is there a case for Canada to specialise and build on its market international share in the Retail Forex Trade with the increasing convergence of Retail and Futures Trade having gained from the exposition by the RefcoFX Associate LLC case.

I will like my research document to be as fair as possible from the view of Retail Forex Trade account holders but thought the need to get further clarification from you knowledgeable selves in light of Judge Drain’s recent statement.

Hoping to hear from the right contacts within your respective department, I once again apologise for sending this message at random.

Kind Regards

Archibald Graham

**secretary**

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**From:** JA Martin [jimartin@singnet.com.sg]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

It is only proper for you to replace the current COT report if you replace it with a report that is daily.

Otherwise, it is difficult to believe that you are not being influenced, possibly in a criminal way, by those in government and commerce wishing to keep information out of public domain.

**secretary**

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**From:** ross powell [rosspowell22@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:42 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. Certainly true hedgers should have their own category. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

**secretary**

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**From:** Jonathan prior [marjono@eim.ae]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:33 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sirs,

I kindly request you not to cease publication of the COT report. In fact, in today's electronic age I would have thought that the reporting should be on a more regular and timely basis, rather than once a week with a substantial time lag.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Prior

**secretary**

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**From:** jmhancs@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

We need more frequent and timely COT Reports not their elimination!

John M Hancsarik

870 Cooper Dearing Rd

Alvaton, KY 42122

## secretary

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**From:** Donald Watson [dnostaw@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:44 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,  
I would like register my opposition to the lessening of information represented by the COT report's removal.

Donald Watson

**secretary**

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**From:** Roger Graham [roger01@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports - request for comments

Gentlemen:

This is very useful data for everyone in the markets. Knowledge is power and the public should be informed how the prices of commodities are set. This data helps make that possible, please continue to publish it weekly.

Thanks,

Roger Graham  
Houston, TX

**secretary**

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**From:** Jim Maikowski [myrtleis@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:38 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please keep the COT reports - they uphold market transparency and accountability, and are one of the most important pieces of data that we use as traders and investors.

- Jim Maikowski

**secretary**

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**From:** Melvin Taggart [mtaggart@turbonet.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:47 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Commitment of Traders Report should be published daily. We are living in an information age. Why not get with it?

Thank You, Melvin Taggart

**secretary**

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**From:** larry mccullough [larymax@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:09 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

To suppress the COT reports would further undermine investor confidence that markets are free and on a "level playing field." We would like to hear the rationale of those who would withhold yet more information from the public, and especially put smaller participants at a further disadvantage.

Larry McCullough

**secretary**

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**From:** cpsvista [cpsvista@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:37 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep publishing the COT report!

**secretary**

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**From:** RD [r3005@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:36 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I believe the reporting should, at the minimum, be updated more frequently.

I absolutely oppose the idea that it should no longer be made public, or that the reporting should be terminated.

Sincerely,

RJ Delwiche  
3005 East First Street  
Mountain Home, Arkansas

Individual investor and public citizen

## **secretary**

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**From:** Jamal Tabeb [jtabeb@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:29 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I want MORE TIMELY REPORTING OF THIS INFORMATION, NOT LESS!!

Did I make myself clear?

More Information, NOT ELIMINATION OF THE PUBLISHED DATA!

MORE DATA, not less DATA.

Understand?!

Jamal Tabeb

**secretary**

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**From:** Hew Ling-Zhi [hewlingzhi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:02 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Petition for COT Report

To: [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov)  
From: Ling-Zhi Hew, Singapore  
Subj: COT Report

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject to position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can operate without position limits, and the position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission cannot see that this is the same speculative money, than I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the hedger category for traditional hedgers.

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.

Ling-Zhi Hew  
23 July 2006

**secretary**

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**From:** fthomas1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please supply more timely COT reports ... ie. daily

Fred Thomas.

PO Box 2166, Princeton, B.C. V0X 1W0 Canada  
Tel 1-250-295-0029/21 or 1-250-483-3432  
Internet email: fthomas1@gmail.com

**secretary**

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**From:** Randy Wise [rwise@gennet.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

In an age of information why are you restricting information? We need more information not less. We need daily COT reports not weekly. This is an action which is highly beneficial to the big players and stacks the deck against the small investor. Or maybe you don't care about them...

Randall Wise

## secretary

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**From:** g4 [dk.mail2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

KEEP THE COT'S

## secretary

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**From:** j.kirkham@cox.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

We need more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it. If our President wants individuals to manage their own retirement dollars we need all the factual information we can get to help level the playing field. Already hedge funds, mutual funds and Corporations have far more information than any individual could ever have access to. It doesn't make sense to eliminate a report that is useful to the general public. Judy Kirkham

**secretary**

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**From:** Bill Merrill [merrill.bill@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sirs,

Eliminating these reports seems to me to be unwise; only helpful to inside traders. I believe in the idea of freedom of information. I don't think these reports should be eliminated – if anything, they should be made more frequent than once a week.

Bill Merrill  
2425 Dupont Ave S.  
Minneapolis, MN 555405

**secretary**

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**From:** David Kocyba [dkocyba@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:30 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please provide a timely report on the COT-there is no reason why it should be delayed.  
David Kocyba

**secretary**

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**From:** Simonstrauss@goldcoastaustralia.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hey please do not stop publishing the COTs.

Even here in Australia we watch it and rely on it.

Regards

Dr Simon Strauss

**secretary**

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**From:** Craig Carman [ccarman@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Secretary,

I cannot believe what I am seeing--you wish to eliminate the COT report. You should instead be making the report more timely (ie make the report twice weekly with 1 day delay). I use the information in this report every week to gauge market sentiment. Please continue reporting as-is if the only alternative is to discontinue.

Craig Carman, Managing Director  
Craigsson David Consulting  
Tampa, Florida  
813-760-1252 cell  
800-721-3036 fax

## secretary

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**From:** Paul Tietz [paul.tietz@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** radarpaul@juno.com  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear CFTC, specifically Eileen Donovan,

I am responding to a request for submittal for additions or changes pertaining to the COT reports currently supplied by your organization.

Since I follow the markets on a wide basis, I use the information in a spreadsheet that assists me in determining market trends.

I wrote the software myself, and have no complaints regarding your format or reporting. It would be a shame to see the reports be changed in any way, or to have the reports fail to be made available to the general public.

Please advise if you are going to modify the format currently in use. If this service is to be terminated, I might ask to have 3 months notice to rewrite my program as I am not sure exactly where this info could be found again.

Thank you for listening to this email.

Should you require further response to your situation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul Tietz  
main email program for correspondence: radarpaul@juno.com

**secretary**

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**From:** Charles Swanberg [cswanberg@swancap.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:36 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Dear sirs:

Please do not stop publihing the COT report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Swanberg  
Charles Swanberg  
Swan Mountain Capital, LLC  
(781) 237-9699

**secretary**

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**From:** BRIAP@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:32 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep issuing the COT report. We traders find it to be a useful tool. Thanks, B

## secretary

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**From:** John Polhamus [jrptrading@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

You guys drive me crazy!!! Please don't take away the COT information!

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**secretary**

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**From:** JER3CUBE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

PLEASE CONTINUE TO RELEASE DATA.....PERHAPS, EVEN SHORTEN THE TIME  
DELAY BETWEEN WHEN IT IS RECEIVED AND THEN RELEASED.

THX,

Gerryb  
Independent Commodity Trader

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Paul Bertan [paulbertan@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:14 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not stop the COT reports as they are desperately needed for investors to make good long range decisions, PBB

**secretary**

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**From:** Bcodms [Bcodms@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report  
**Signed By:** bcodms@adelphia.net

The publication of the COT report is necessary and vital to understanding how the markets work. Elimination of the publication would be detrimental to small traders and would result in an unfair trading field. This information must be available to the public to provide information necessary to understand market activities.

David Schmicher  
368 Cobblestone Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

**secretary**

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**From:** Wayne Neal Fleischer [wa1ne45@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:45 PM  
**To:** secretary@cftc.gov.  
**Subject:** COT Reports

It is very important to my family to have the cot reports available each week. We are traders and this is are livelihood. This report is a must for us. Thank you for your consideration. The Fleischer Family

**secretary**

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**From:** josh horowitz [joshheaven@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:38 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

I am responding to your call for comments on the publication of COT data. My suggestion would be to release the reports for Tuesday's data on Wednesday rather than Friday.

Thank you.

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**secretary**

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**From:** Arun Rao [arunbrao@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I view the the COT reports as essential information for trading activity, in particular the information on commercial and non-commercial positions. Please DO continue to publish these reports.

Regards,  
Arun Rao

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**secretary**

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**From:** Bobbybullion@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

please keep the reports coming. In fact why cant they be only a day old like the open interest in this computer age? Bob Schecker

**secretary**

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**From:** leon yang [leonyang\_2000@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:38 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT

Dear Secretary,

Please kindly reconsider the thinking of elimination of the Commitment Of Traders. Rather the government should make the information more timely with shorter cycle time. Currently is one week time frame. If trader like me can see this information on a daily basis, it greatly make the market more efficient and transparent.

Thanks & regards,  
leon

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**secretary**

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**From:** Jones, Linwood [LJones@clevelandbrowns.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Please do not discontinue the COT report

-Linwood Jones  
Ohio

**secretary**

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**From:** Kevin Beason [beas5112@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:30 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I am a trader who makes my living on speculating on the foreign currency market. I use the data provided in the COT Report to help make my trading decisions. **Please do not discontinue to provide this report.** I feel strongly that the federal government needs to continue to provide this report to the general public in the name of **truth, equity, and transparency.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kevin Beason

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## secretary

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**From:** Bill M [billmasi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am a commodity trader with years of experience.

COT reports are vital to my trading.

Bill Masciarelli

## **secretary**

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**From:** Glenn A Morrison [artmoris@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:05 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Mr. Secretary,

As a trader I depend on the COT reports in my daily work, and would be extremely disappointed if they were eliminated. On the contrary, they should be improved by being published on a more timely basis, such as once a day.

Yours Truly, Glenn Morrison

**secretary**

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**From:** Marcinkiewicz810@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:55 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I am writing regarding your plan to eliminate the COT reports. I think we need to have more information not less as more and more individuals get into trading the futures markets. Freedom of information and information itself is the cornerstone of capitalist economics. Adam Smith would be rolling in his grave knowing that less information is being provided in a time when information is at our fingertips with the internet and instant communications. We should be provided more information and not less to even the playing field in the markets.

Michael Marcinkiewicz  
Silver Lake, Ohio

**secretary**

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**From:** Orville Kiehn [orvino@cascadeaccess.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:05 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

PLEASE continue to publish the weekly data in the COT gold and silver summaries!

Orville Kiehn  
Mesquite, NV

**secretary**

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**From:** kraze [kkraze@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:55 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Hello,

I'm a futures trader from Portugal and I COT reports are very useful in my trading.  
I would like for them to continue to be published.  
And if possible even it more information, for example with daily periodicity.

thank you

7/24/2006

## secretary

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**From:** Dan Clemons [daclemons@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:32 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The concept of eliminating COT reporting is absolutely unconscionable. Large traders who lobby in favor of this already wield incredible power and influence at CFTC and SEC bureaus. The speculater is just left to guess.

Do what's right, we need MORE timely reporting of financial data, not less.  
(ala M3 money supply numbers)

## secretary

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**From:** Mark Kemper [jmkemper@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 7:21 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

The weekly Commitment of Traders COT should be more timely not eliminated. I have kept this short because this administration does not have the time or will to do its job. I guess you want to get paid for doing nothing.

J. Mark Kemper

**secretary**

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**From:** Brian Pfistner [brianpfistner@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:50 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not stop the reporting of the COT report.

Regards,

Brian Pfistner

**secretary**

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**From:** larry krayn [lkpapa@optonline.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:39 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Mr. Secretary:-I am small potatoes in the investment world, but i am deeply concerned with the elimination of statistics, the massaging of them, and the re-structure of so many reports that i have found helpful. Please cease and desist these actions. Thanks- Larry Krayn

**secretary**

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**From:** Gary [dearme@ncf.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do keep these coming, perhaps even more frequently.

**secretary**

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**From:** Aleks Zlatic [zlatic@att.biz]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear CFTC

The COt reports are the only way to ensure further transparency in futures investment. As an individual trader I beleive this is of paramount importance. Please keep the program going. Also, Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days.

Regards

Aleks Zlatic

**secretary**

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**From:** craig statler [craigstatler@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 5:51 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORT

You need to get rid of the COT report. The Fed got rid of M3. As the US government moves towards less and less transparency, our enemies can no longer peek into governments financial manipulations.

The Silver short is a perfect example. Who do the defamers of the CFTC suggest that your organization would openly permit a manipulation of silver through rabid short sellers. It's none of their darn business.

If they want truly free markets, they can move to Mars. Fascisim is the wave of the future. Why fight it?

Wink, Wink!

**secretary**

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**From:** ALEXANDER KOVACS [alex602@wans.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 6:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please do not do away with the COT reports as many depend on them and keep track of the government.  
A.D.Kovacs

**secretary**

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**From:** JOHN LIEBERMAN [invest\_2005@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 5:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

**I currently use the COT reports routinely in my futures trading. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS PIECE OF DATA FROM THE PUBLIC. I would view this as giving even a larger advantage to the big boys of futures trading and this would appear to be one more move to attempt to squeeze out the small speculator. I would like to see the data in more real time... ie release it friday afternoon based on positions through friday morning...cut the lag time down, to 0 if possible**  
**Thank you for your time**  
**John Lieberman**  
**719 334 9868**

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**secretary**

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**From:** donald cody [dcody@san.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days would improve transparency.

Thanks,  
Donald E. Cody

**secretary**

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**From:** JENNA CROSS [rexwillard@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

sir:

please do not stop the publication of the COT report each week. i view this as a necessary piece of information in determining my financial positions as well as advise to friends and family. thank you for your consideration .

respectfully,

rex willard

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Stéphane Beudet [sbeudet@videotron.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hi,

This is simply to protest against your wish to stop publishing teh COT report.  
Not only you should continue to publish it, you should also publish it more frequently and not with a 3 days delay.

Thank you.

Stephane Beudet

**secretary**

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**From:** Ted Podbielski [protrading@wilkes.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

COT reports are extremely useful. But they only come out once a week. **Daily reporting** would be a vast improvement.

Ted Podbielski  
ProTrading  
212 German Farm Rd.  
Boomer, NC 28606

**secretary**

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**From:** Tommy Feezel [tfeeze@houston.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I am sending you this e-mail to protest any attempt to take away the COT reports for individual traders. This is a valuable tool that lets the traders see what is happening in the markets. It is totally unfair to deny this information to traders. It would be like playing poker in Las Vegas and not knowing how many cards other players are drawing. I hope this proposal to stop publishing this information and making it available to the everyday trader will be denied.

Sincerely,

Tommy Feezel

**secretary**

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**From:** Pamela Reavis [pamsline@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT report"

I am in opposition to the elimination of the COT report. The COT report is vital to the free market system.

I wish my voice to be heard !!

Thank you,

Pam Reavis  
[pamsline@comcast.net](mailto:pamsline@comcast.net)  
916-422-7127

**secretary**

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**From:** Benrichar@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,

Please do not stop the printing of the Commitment of Traders Report (COT). Also, providing it on a more timely basis would be appreciated.

Regards,

Ben Richardson  
1200 Pickle Road  
Petersburg, TN 37144

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** EDC [edc@mail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Save the Cot data reporting

Please.....  
Allow the Cot data to be continued... as a trader WE NEED TO KEEP ACCURATE 'CURRENT' data..

Thank You

Sam Osadche

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## secretary

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**From:** Bart and Christy Robeson [bcrobeson@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs, I am writing to urge you not to discontinue the Commitment of Traders report. This useful report is very helpful to precious metals investors such as myself. Again please do not discontinue the COT.

Bart Robeson

**secretary**

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**From:** Tom Lyon [TLinAZ@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I believe there should be more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Who are the insiders trying to gain yet another advantage over the individual trader?! This will be the next scandal to be exposed.

Elise Lyon

**secretary**

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**From:** delrosedra@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Secretary, I urge you to continue publishing COT reports, and not to reduce the frequency, nor change the base reference data, because the current publication is a very useful tool to traders such as myself.

Zachary Rosenfield

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**secretary**

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**From:** John Adamson [windwoven@xtra.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:21 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,

I request that you do not do away with the COT report.

It is an absolutely vital piece of information if one is to have a free market in which to trade. I see no justifiable reason for the information contained in the report to be withheld from the public.

With respect

John Adamson

**secretary**

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**From:** Leo O'Brien [lobrien@nl.rogers.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Although a CDN. citizen, I care deeply about the cont'd publication of the COT Reports.

Regards,  
Leo O'Brien  
MT. Pearl, NL., Canada

**secretary**

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**From:** Silviu Matei [silviu.matei@spray.se]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:19 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

I would hate to see it go!

**secretary**

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**From:** SAC2222@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I have learned that you are considering discontinuation of the COT reports. Since that is one of the few services that you still provide to the individual investor I see no reason for it to be stopped.

In other words ... DO NOT STOP THE COT REPORTS !!!

Regards,  
Steven Crandell  
Dallas, TX

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** T Basser [tbasser@sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:33 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

The COT Report is essential to markets serving their purpose of maintaining liquidity through informed market state, movement and direction.

The more timely and the more accurate – the more value it adds to informed investing, hence encourages investing and improves liquidity.

Please keep the reports coming.

## **secretary**

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**From:** Greg Dodgen [gdodgen@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

The COT reports should not be eliminated. In fact, the data represented therein should be available on a more frequent basis, perhaps once daily.

**secretary**

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**From:** Windsor Capital Mortgage, Inc. [wardnor@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:49 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear CFTC,

I am writing to strongly urge you to continue the publication of the COT reports.

Best Regards,  
Dan Ward  
Titusville, FL

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Jonathan Prober [jonathan.prober@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:56 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not stop publishing COT data. If anything, the markets need more information, not less.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jon Prober, MS

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Howard Wetsman MD [hwetsman@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir:

I would strongly advise not to discontinue the COT reports. I find them very helpful and informative. If anything they are not reported enough. I understand the TOCOM is changing to be more "COT-like" but their reporting method is actually more useful – in identifying the large specs and commercials and in daily reporting. If you are going to provide changes that add value to the American taxpayer I would suggest becoming more "TOCOM-like".  
Thanks,

Howard Wetsman  
1725 Gen. Pershing  
New Orleans, la 70115

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Charleston Voice [barnacle@chasvoice.biz]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 11:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report.....Suspension

DO NOT cancel or suspend the COT trader's report. I find it a useful tool in my investing.

Thank you,

Bill Rummel  
Charleston, SC

7/24/2006

## **secretary**

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**From:** Norman Feldman [houston\_jenny@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:04 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

please do not discontinue the COT report.  
norman feldman  
5022 jason st  
houston tx 77096

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**From:** Terry Swift [terry@btinet.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 11:39 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As an investor in precious metals and companies that mine precious metals, the COT reports are very important to me. They enable me to get an idea of what the professional insiders and speculators are doing regarding their hedging/investing activities. To discontinue them would be a great dis-service to investors. This is ask that these reports be continued.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Terry Swift

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Balos Davis [bb27500@frontiernet.net]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:28 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not eliminate the COT report, it is vital for everyone to know. Please do not take away the rights of the people of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by elimination of this report.  
a concerned citizen of of the this great country.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Michael Bodeau [mbodeau@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I understand that CFTC is considering suspending publishing the COTC report. Why? this is vital information the public uses to assist in making investment decisions. Just like the weather information we get from NOAA, which is government funded, we need to know the current climatic conditions in the markets. COTC reports are vital. As a taxpayer and investor, I use this information to guide my 401(k) and IRA. How does the government expect us to self invest when the deprive us on current market conditions?

Don't do it!!!

M. Bodeau

**secretary**

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**From:** GOLD John [abchtg@tranquility.net]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:07 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Then why don't the traders trade in the real hold it in your hand metals. And stay away from the paper that isn't true?

Thank you

John

## secretary

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**From:** Steven Planinac [splan@bigpond.net.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:44 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir;

In response to your request for comments on the proposed changing or cessation of the COT report I would like to say that I use the report extensively.

I am an individual trader trading from abroad now for the last 7 years or so and the reason I choose to trade in the U.S. markets is because of the transparency. The transparency of your markets is due mainly to your reporting of participant's positions. I assume that I am not the only foreigner drawn to your markets for this reason.

I would not like to see the report stopped or changed at all. I think you would see a detrimental effect on open interest and liquidity in your exchanges if the report is materially altered or stopped. It is still very useful today in the form it is published (to me anyway, but I'm sure I'm not alone).

Regards,

Steven Planinac, Australia

## secretary

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**From:** kathy crafts [kccrafts@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:45 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir --

I do sincerely understand that in George Bush's America, the small investor and trader absolutely does NOT count. So in that spirit, I like to offer you some suggestions on how to push thru the current proposal to eliminate the publication of COT data. Let me say right off the bat, that I understand the intense time pressures you are facing. In November, if the current administration is voted out, you more than likely will not be able to get this proposal adopted. You may not be able to tilt the playing field so steeply that the little guys can be raped almost with no effort at all. Such an opportunity may not come again for years -- even decades -- if legislators even slightly honest are elected. So, while this has to be done expeditiously, the situation is delicate.

So looking at this, you've got to consider the public relations aspect of what you are proposing in light of the current set-up. Currently, insiders and institutions are the only ones privy to timely information. Essentially, they have a three day headstart on the investing public (aka, the targets). If the insiders and institutions can not fleece the public with this kind of headstart, concealing the information entirely from the public is definitely solid thinking -- but it may be going a step too far. Their ineptitude and your organization's efforts to help them may become apparent -- and garner the unwanted attention by industry press. If you are going to do this -- and I have no doubt that you will despite whatever protests you get from the investing public as they do not count any more -- I'd suggest you throw some sop to the retail investor. Announce you will publish the data once a year! Your ends will be achieved -- the playing field will be tilted so far in the direction of the insiders and institutions that the retail money will roll down the field and directly into the pockets of the institutions -- and you can still claim you are publishing information and serving the public! It will be a win-win for the CFTC!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

KC Crafts  
Maine

**secretary**

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**From:** Keith Long [keith121763@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:25 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am taking the time to write you, as I recently became aware of the possible end to the publishing of the COT reports. I think that this is a move in the wrong direction and goes against a free market. We are still a free market economy, are we not ? Many people rely on those reports, as well as myself. If anything, I think in today's technology driven world the COT reports should be put out more frequently. I hope that you will consider my opinion on this matter.

Thank You for your time and consideration,  
Keith K. Long

**secretary**

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**From:** Bruce Arnhold [brose@presys.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:50 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Please don't eliminate the Commitments report. I find it useful and use it frequently. I'd like to see it printed more frequently than once a week.  
Bruce Arnhold, Florence OR

**secretary**

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**From:** Craig Mars [planetmars4@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 2:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please send me a COT report.

Thank you !

Sincerely,

Craig Mars

## secretary

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**From:** jubidoo@web.de  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 4:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

For me as an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in my trading decisions.

In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service.

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.

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

Ralf

**secretary**

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**From:** LUMPYLOADS@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:34 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please do not eliminate the COT report.

**secretary**

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**From:** george bloom [georgebloom2000@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

in these days of transparency, the thought of discontinuing the COT reports is disconcerting to me. the large traders already have a discernable trading advantage versus the small traders. to discontinue the COT reports would only heighten that advantage. may i please discourage this. please allow me, as a small trader, the ability to utilize the COT reports to incorporate in market decisions. it will be appreciated and i will continue trading if no changes are made. i will however cease to trade if the COT reports cease to be published.  
sincerely,  
george bloom

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**secretary**

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**From:** Nicholas Forbes [nforbes1@mweb.co.za]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 4:50 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do NOT cease to make available this invaluable information

## secretary

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**From:** Art Davis [art.da@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 4:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The COT information is a basic right of investors to know. Please do not allow the hiding of this information. We are supposed to be in a Democracy. What kind of a Democracy is it that fails to disseminate crucial information?

Art Davis

## **secretary**

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**From:** Clint Case [clintcase@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot Reports

I use the cot reports every day in the pursuit of my business activities.

I find it dispicable that there is a suggestion that this report would be eliminated! This report should be real time without delay! The whole world is real time except for all of the data that is essential in making the small trader competitive with the insiders.

You'all should be ashamed at even the suggestion.

Tired of the establishment insiders spectacularly blatent attempts to cripple the small speculators,

Clint Case

## secretary

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**From:** Andrew Lukaszewich [andrew.lukaszewich@softwarerorth.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Secretary,

Regarding the COT reports, we here at Software North have used and offered COT charts of the COT data since 1995.

We have over 1100 subscribers and many visitors to our free COT charts  
<http://www.softwarerorth.com/trading/commitmentscurrent/>

One thing we would like to see is a shorter delay then 3 days, or even daily release of the data.

Thank you for the COT reports and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions,

Andrew Lukaszewich  
Software North LLC.  
907 561-4412

## **secretary**

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**From:** Lorna Crosby [dennislorna@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** we need the COT report

We want the COT report....Do not discontinue.....M3 is gone...sure looks like the transparency that made the U.S. a powerful business nation is fading....Who is trying to destroy this country. Laws have been contrived to let big corporations off the hook if they fail to provide accurate information, What is going on????

Lorna Crosby and Dennis Osborne  
1001 Pearl St. C  
Santa Monica CA, 90405

**secretary**

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**From:** arthur l graff [artgmd@starband.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:59 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Do not stop the Cot Report. It is an important piece of information to the American public.It should be reported more often and more timely.

Thank you,  
Arthur L Graff

**secretary**

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**From:** gary laakso [vasa0vasa@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:26 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Notice of Proposed Rule-Making...Elimination of Commitments of Traders Report

I strongly oppose the elimination of the reporting of the "Commitments of Traders" ("COT") report. I trade commodities and it is a valuable tool to use, especially when measured against marketing letters and recommendations. It is a cornerstone of my trading and I strongly oppose its elimination. It is one of the valuable tools available and there are no corresponding benefits from its elimination. I very much appreciate this opportunity to express my views.

gary laakso  
21347 Rockledge Lane  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
[vasa0vasa@earthlink.net](mailto:vasa0vasa@earthlink.net)  
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## secretary

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**From:** rhitzfield@pol.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:33 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Regarding ending the Commitments of Traders reports. I use these reports for very important financial decisions I make for personal use.

In short, I would be lost without this - what I really need is for the information to be more up to date and more frequent than it is, not stopped altogether.

Thank you.

Ronald Hitzfield  
31952 Paseo Sagrado  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

**secretary**

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**From:** James Debevec [james@absolutevaluefund.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I find the COT reports very helpful and would like for you to continue to have them.

Cordially,

James Debevec II  
Absolute Value Capital Management, Inc.  
[www.absolutevaluefund.com](http://www.absolutevaluefund.com)  
[james@absolutevaluefund.com](mailto:james@absolutevaluefund.com)

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** VFDAL@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To whom it may concern:

The COT Report is a valuable tool for those of us involved in the commodity markets. The possibility that the report may be delayed further or, worse, discontinued makes no sense whatsoever.

Actually, the report, timely as of Tuesday each week, should be issued the next day, on Wednesday, not on Friday when the data is four days old. With computers and other modern aids, we should be getting more and more timely data, not less.

Why in the world would the government want to hamstring commodity investors? President Bush is always talking about private enterprise and the small investor -- well, here is an opportunity to put words into action. **SPEED UP THE RELEASE OF THE COT REPORT.**

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Fullinwider  
3920 Gillon Ave.  
Dallas, Texas 75205

**secretary**

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**From:** Vernon Bush [nonrev321@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Hello,

First M3 goes Bye-Bye now the COT?

Investors need INFO! I used to think that it was just a crazy conspiracy talk that the markets were being manipulated for the large investment houses and the wealthiest investors.... now I'm beginning to wonder..

If the COT disappears its just one more nail in the coffin for small investors trying to make the markets work for them.... I'd strongly considering investing in overseas markets only if this continues..

Thank You

Regards

Vernon Bush

**secretary**

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**From:** George Paulos [gpaulos@freebuck.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT changes

The weekly COT reports are an essential piece of information for investors, producers, and users of traded commodities. The proposed elimination of such reports is frankly unsupportable under any circumstances as it would benefit nobody and harm all. Markets operate best with the most open and timliest information not with secrecy. Please keep timely COT reporting!!!!

Sincerely;

**George J. Paulos**

<http://www.freebuck.com>

[gpaulos@freebuck.com](mailto:gpaulos@freebuck.com)

## secretary

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**From:** bruce aubart [beathoreau@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:47 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that the COT Report might be eliminated or might only come out once a month.

First you get rid of M3 info, and now you're trying to hide the facts even more. The government wants businesses to be more transparent. It should do the same and not hide the COT Report. It should come out even more often than once a week!

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**From:** Robert Redelmeier [redelm@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please retain the CoT reports or preferably enhance their frequency.  
Knowing market positions is very important in deciding trades.

The big boys already know positions (and instantaneously).  
Reducing the CoT reports just hurts the little guy. Is it the position of this  
Administration to favor large interests over that of individual Americans?

Sincerely,  
Robert Redelmeier  
2202 Signal Hill Dr  
PEARLAND Texas 77584  
281 544 6209

**secretary**

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**From:** Joe Lundquist [Joe\_Lundquist@pall.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:28 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports- keep 'em coming!!

**secretary**

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**From:** Howard Porter [hporter@portercompanies.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Gentlemen,

Please be aware that I am opposed to elimination of the COT report, and in fact I favor more openness in reporting of information. Please do the right thing and provide for greater transparency in reporting this information in a timely and effective manner.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Howard J. Porter, Jr.  
Porter Properties, LLC  
472 North Dean Road / Suite 200  
Auburn, AL 36830  
(334)826-8682 Phone  
(334) 826-8602 Fax

## secretary

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**From:** Dennis Gillen [dgillen@mercednet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 3:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

**Importance:** High

Dear Secretary:

It disturbs me when I hear that appropriate information is discontinued or withheld from the public. The M3 report has already been withheld from the public but, I'm sure not from the powerful. I strongly request that the COT reports continue to be published. In fact, I would request that the COT reports be published more timely and more frequently. I would ask the same of the M3 report.

Sincerely,

Dennis Gillen, Ph.D.  
Gillen & Associates  
Management Consultant  
Certified TAB Facilitator  
Phone: 209.384.1299  
Fax: 209.384.0779  
Cell: 209.777.3159

**secretary**

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**From:** richardq@bluebottle.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:27 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Commitment of Traders

I would like to complain most strongly against the planned removal of the commitment of trade figures.

These numbers are very important to all industries involved in the commodities business and provide a very valuable indication of the need to hedge or remain unhedged.

Taking this away will severely limit the ability of commodity producers, be remain both competitive and profitable.

Please re-consider this plan, as it is something very damaging.

Thank you

Richard  
GT

## **secretary**

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**From:** Bill Martin [bill.martin@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:25 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir:

Please do not delete the COT Report that you publish. It is needed for all open-economy and open-transaction information.

Why would you help to hide the information that is used by all of us interested in the free market and the information needed?

Please continue to issue the COT Reports.

Thank you very much,

William A. Martin  
1591 Post Oak Ct  
Prosper, TX 75078

**secretary**

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**From:** nathanmartin [nmartin@stateofmindseminars.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:24 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sirs,

Please realize the importance of this information to investors world wide and DO NOT REMOVE THE COMMODITY REPORTS!!! This losing this important information will harm America and is worth the funds to continue its reporting.

Sincerely,

Nathan A. Martin, President  
State of Mind Seminars  
[nmartin@stateofmindseminars.com](mailto:nmartin@stateofmindseminars.com)  
253-735-6332  
253-229-1817

**secretary**

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**From:** Gisela Dalrymple [illanow@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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The COT report is valuable to all traders and dealers in commodities, and if this is a free society (is it?) it should be available to all in a timely and accurate manner.

If we are, as purported, a Democracy, then information should be available to all, not suppressed or invalidated.

If there are those who are uncomfortable with knowledge that should be available to all, then THEY should be suspected of malfeasance.

These things are important to liberty.

Sincerely

Gisela Dalrymple

**secretary**

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**From:** JFLANNERY5555BP@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:46 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

It is imperative that COT report continue to be published. This is an important market tool and there is no reason why it should be discontinued. What possible reason can CFTC give for discontinuing this report? The investing public is already fed up with the manipulation of the markets, which CFTC and SEC conveniently disregard. My fervent hope is that some day the people in charge at CFTC, answer for the corruption and manipulation which has caused large numbers of people to lose extremely large amounts of money. On second thought, discontinue the COT, and then the crooks and only the crooks, will know what is going on. It is almost that way now. Joseph Flannery [jflannery5555bp@aol.com](mailto:jflannery5555bp@aol.com)

**secretary**

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**From:** Glenn Gruby [g.gruby@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposal to eliminate the publishing of the COT report.

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it everyday when considering trades. It is about the only piece of data the Government puts out that I actually think is useful. So when I found out this information might be taken away happen I was very disappointed, but unfortunately not surprised at all. I find the growing propensity of the US government to walk all over freedom of information appalling.

By hiding key market info like the COT report, the marketplace is no longer level, and free market integrity is deeply in question.

I urge you to keep this report available to the public in its current form and distribution.

Glenn Gruby

4526 Illinois St

San Diego, CA 92116

## secretary

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**From:** Steve Hunter [steve@ultrafs.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Hello CFTC,

I've heard that you are considering cancelling the COT Reports. I want to let you know that I have about 2,000 investors that utilize my investment analysis software and they find great value in those reports. Losing them would be a great loss to the investment community especially to individual investors who are already at a great disadvantage in obtaining information.

Please, please, please do not discontinue the reports.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Steve Hunter  
President, ULTRA Financial Systems Inc.

**secretary**

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**From:** Shawn Soszka [ssoszka@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To Whom it May Concern,

I am shocked and alarmed at the mere suggestion that the Commitment of Traders Report may no longer published! What is the rational here? Do you want investors to fail, would you like to see the stock market crash again. Perhaps so, but leave any of your collective fantasies to yourselves, and keep the COT reports coming!! That's what we're paying you for!!

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Dr. Shawn Soszka  
Naturopathic Physician  
Licensed Acupuncturist

## **secretary**

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**From:** Roman Kurevic [Rkure@gmx.de]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:19 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Secretary,

today i get the information, that you will stop the COT report from August. This information is very interesting for me, my company and the public.

I don't understand your specific reasons and i hope you will NOT STOP THIS REPORT.

The other specific question is the time gap, between the REPORT and the reported numbers. Today it should be possible to report them Saturdays or Sundays with the numbers from the Friday CLOSING. With computers, Excel and Email it should work much faster than 20 years ago.

You will lost one of your best products and in my opinion a lot of your credibility. In a time where information is very improtant to survive against othe countries and companies, it is more a step back than a steo into the future.

Best regards

Roman Kurevic  
CEO  
AKUA Financial Strategy GmbH  
Keplerstrasse 24  
60318 Frankfurt  
Germany

**secretary**

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**From:** J.B. MATTHEWS [crackerjacklive@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:20 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Secretary,

Please consider *more* timely reporting of COT data.

Eliminating or significantly reducing access to COT data is not in the best interests of the Free Market nor of a Free Country such as ours for that matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Jack B Matthews  
400 Prowell Drive  
Camp Hill, PA 17011-1469

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**secretary**

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**From:** Roger Brett [rcb@sandersnet.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:45 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

## secretary

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**From:** Mark Zielinski [zielinski.mark@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Hello,

This is to let you know that I find the COT Reports extremely valuable and that they are a critical step in the right direction of markets with fully open information that do not favor insiders over public participants.

If there is any chance of publishing the information on a more timely basis, that would be very helpful and a further step in market openness.

Thanks very much.

Mark Zielinski

Voice: 510-233-2674

**secretary**

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**From:** R Hund [hundr1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 4:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir,

Information is vital for individual investors as myself. Please consider making the COT report available more often than the current once a week. It can only help to level the playing field between the "little guys" trying to make ends meet and the large hedge fund investors.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert Hund  
Lake Forest, CA

Rob Hund

**secretary**

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**From:** Ken Butler [ken@butlerpainting.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:41 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Do not alter anything to do with the COT report.  
Ken Butler

**secretary**

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**From:** normfsime [normfsime@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:37 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir or Madam;

Please do not discontinue publishing the COT (Commitment of Traders) report. It is a report that I use in my investment activities and it is very important to me. I do not see how concealing the activities of the professionals or big speculators is in any way in the public interest.

Please Reply To:  
[normfsime@yahoo.com](mailto:normfsime@yahoo.com)

Thanks. Norman S.

Checked for viruses by Norton A-V

**secretary**

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**From:** William McKnight [billmcknight@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:41 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Hello,

Please continue to publish the COT Report. I am just a small trader and find this data useful. I am surprised that you would consider discontinuing publishing the data. The public has a right to know.

Best regards  
Bill McKnight

7/21/2006

## secretary

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**From:** Northey, Hugh [Hugh.Northey@nbf.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:42 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** "COT reports"

Hi: I think that it is important to make as much information as possible available to all market participants and to ensure that the information is received in a timely manner. The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader, and at a time when data are easy and cheap to gather, we should have more, not less, data.

Regards,

Hugh Northey  
Pennington Northey Group  
National Bank Financial  
Phone: (604) 541-4935  
Fax: (604) 541-4949  
Toll Free: 1-888-246-4925 ext. 4935

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## secretary

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**From:** Don McDonnell [dfmcdonnell3@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I am strongly opposed to your plan to do away with this weekly report. In this information age we should be getting more, not less. Especially when it's such important information to a free market. Thank you and I hope you do the right thing and keep publishihing the report.

Don McDonnell

donmcdonnell@kw.com

## **secretary**

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**From:** C. D. Brown [bitsboy@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

As an investor, I strongly disagree with the proposal to end the COT reports. Although delayed, this information is very useful to investors when making decisions to invest or not invest.

If the reports are discontinued, it will be one more step to eliminate transparency in the commodity markets.

Douglas Brown, Panama City, FL

**secretary**

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**From:** Steve Smith [steve@ntelex.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:44 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The time has come for the CFTC to provide *more timely reporting of COT data...*

Your discussion pertaining to eliminating the reporting runs directly against the Freedom of Information Act.

It is imperative the CFTC remain transparent in their operations.

At present, the data offered by the COT is about the only tool you provide citizens with.

*Steve Smith*  
**Ntelex, Inc.**  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0315  
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**From:** John [jaybee538@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:44 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I would greatly appreciate it if you would please print the COT report on a **daily** basis. The current lag of 3 days makes the information almost useless to traders. Thank you for your time.

**secretary**

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**From:** Lyn Howarth [LHowarth@VIEJAS.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:45 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not discontinue this report. Good information is getting harder and harder to come by.  
Please don't continue this trend.

Lyn Howarth

**secretary**

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**From:** Dott. Loris RULLI [loris.rulli@cndc.it]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

**secretary**

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**From:** newton lichtblau [nlichtblau@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:09 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORTS

I DO NOT SEE HOW IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ELIMINATE COT REPORTS.

newton lichtblau

[nlichtblau@earthlink.net](mailto:nlichtblau@earthlink.net)

Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

## secretary

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**From:** Mike Weissbluth [weissbl@aster.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Hello,

As a small time trader, I find it invaluable to have a source of information pointing to what the 'big boys' are doing. Frankly, I try and hitch a ride on their positions.

It would be most helpful to the small investor to publish this report DAILY! Certainly, in this age of the internet, there is no reason why information should not be disseminated more quickly than once a week!

Not publishing this information would put me at an even bigger disadvantage in the commodities markets.

Thank you for your time.

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Mike Weissbluth

**secretary**

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**From:** John [jmyers15@houston.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports.

I understand that you are taking comments on the possible elimination of the COT reports. I believe the elimination of this report would be a very bad idea. It is a useful glimpse which helps one to size up the condition of the financial markets. As such, it is a useful tool for many. Please do your best to retain this report.

John Myers  
Lake Jackson, TX

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** matthew fox [us6062@ameritech.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:53 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORTS

I use this data every week. and have for years. It is critical to decisions I make on when to take actions on my stocks. I am not a professional trader but over the years have learned how to use data like this for important decisions, like my being out of stocks during the 2000-2002 market collapse.

You have already stopped producing the M3 report. There was no valid reason to do that and none to do the same to the COT. Your actions are a direct part of people no longer trusting any function of government to work on their behalf or even to give them information.

LEAVE THE COT REPORT ALONE!

M. Fox, Chicago

**secretary**

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**From:** Ed Waltersdorff [edwaltersdorff@yorkinternet.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Secretary,

In reference to your present study of the COT reports, I would encourage you to keep them and even make them better by eliminating the several days delay between reporting and releasing the reports. I believe there is valuable predictive information to be had from following the reported positions and changes in those positions as they happen. Anything to enhance this would be appreciated. Please do not drop the COT reports as it would be a loss to those of us using it. Transparency is a virtue in matters like this. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ed Waltersdorff

[edwaltersdorff@yorkinternet.net](mailto:edwaltersdorff@yorkinternet.net)

**secretary**

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**From:** RCF [rcphits@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The COT report should NOT be eliminated but improved so we can receive better and more timely information.  
Richard Fitzgerald

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**secretary**

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**From:** Don McFate [dcm1978@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:19 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

We need more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Donald C. McFate Jr.

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Andrew Reichline [ar@midcoast.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Secretary,

I have heard recently that you plan to stop or cut down on the frequency of publishing COT data. Access to this information is critical for me to make productive investment decisions about when to buy or sell both commodities as well as stocks which are linked to underlying commodities. As a small, individual investor, I urge you to insure access for investors like me to more timely reporting of COT data, and certainly not eliminate it or reduce access.

Thank you,

Andrew Reichline  
P.O. Box 229  
Tenants Harbor, ME 04860

AR@MIDCOAST.COM

**secretary**

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**From:** Bruce Cameron [bcameron@ezlink.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I read the COT reports all the time and find them an invaluable investing tool.

If anything, I would prefer more timely reporting than the system currently provides.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bruce Cameron

**secretary**

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**From:** Afsoto@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:20 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

DISCLOSURE.  
DISCLOSURE.  
DISCLOSURE...

Prevents fraud and manipulation.

Please keep the COT coming.

Dr Alberto F Soto  
Bradenton,FL

**secretary**

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**From:** BILL WRIGHT [bjw126@flash.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:22 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Please continue said reports - even increassing frequency to daily instead of weekly.  
Thank you.

Billy J. Wright

**secretary**

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**From:** Rich Toscano [rich@richtoscano.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

Thanks!

Rich Toscano

## **secretary**

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**From:** Dan Weatherby [danweatherby@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:27 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

To whom having authority over publication of the COT report:

In this day and age transparency through timely reporting of financial data is paramount for maintaining the integrity of the United States markets. Please provide more data through the COTS report with less time delay to increase its relevancy. Any downgrade in the content of the report will be seen as further attempts to disenfranchise small investors and will lead to their exiting the market. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Best regards,  
Dan Weatherby  
Melbourne, FL

## secretary

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**From:** Dave & Terri Munson [dmunson@mtco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please don't get rid of the COT report. Later, when the shit hits the fan, you will be blamed if the reports stop.

As it is, I feel the deck is stacked against me. By removing the COT report I loose more information. Return the M3 information.

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Munson // 8175 White Oak Road // Magnolia, IL 61336 // dmunson@mtco.com

**secretary**

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**From:** Souren Dermelkonian [nerous@videotron.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sirs,

COT reports showing data of last Tuesday, printed Friday, must be shorter not exceeding 3 days for more accuracy if it is the purpose to inform the investors and giving the same fair time for all, Big or Small , as projected by CFTC.

Sincerely,

S.Dermelkonian

[nerous@videotron.ca](mailto:nerous@videotron.ca)

July 21,2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Patrick (Rick) Montens [pmontens@rbs.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please do not make any changes to the Commitment of Traders report. The information is very useful to individual investors such as myself.

Sincerely,

Rick Montens  
700 - 401 Georgia Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
Canada V6B 5A  
604 661 9245

## secretary

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**From:** Scharf, Lawrence [lawrence.scharf@ubs.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep publishing!

Also, you never know, Elliot Spitzer could become involved if you are not keepint the public informed....

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**From:** Richard Koberna [rjkoberna@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports  
**Importance:** High

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days.

Could also report large hedge funds and mutual fund participation, these two groups are distorting report.

Regards,  
Dick Koberna  
Phone: 330-929-8391  
Fax: 330-929-8392  
Cell: 330-554-3544

**secretary**

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**From:** Cheng, Kuangti T [Kuangti.Cheng@xerox.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:01 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not stop publishing COT report,

Kuangti Ted Cheng

**secretary**

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**From:** Alex Bacas [camera@sonic.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

On behalf of myself and all those interested in the maintenance of "free" markets I ask the CFTC for more timely and complete reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Alex Bacas

[camera@sonic.net](mailto:camera@sonic.net)

Santa Rosa, CA

## secretary

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**From:** david mcdowell [dogdarr@peoplpc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

keep reporting the commitment of traders!

**secretary**

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**From:** Tony Sanabria [realtyfl@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:05 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sirs,

We rely upon COT information.

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days, would better benefit interested parties.

Yours,

South Florida Commodities Investment and Growers Club.

**secretary**

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**From:** futures [release@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir --What are you thinking about. I have been a lifelong trader of futures and rely on the COT report to initiate as well as liquidate trades. First money supply stats and now this. What is it that regulators are trying to hide.

Sincerely,  
Tom Wiseman

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Myra [ms.mas@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Please do not eliminate or reduce the publication of the COT reports. If anything, more timely information is needed, not less.

Don't stack the deck against the small investor. We need all the information we can get on a daily basis.

Kevin Doyle  
Individual Investor

## **secretary**

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**From:** derek [nowat1@sasktel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

We demand more timely reporting of the COT data, NOT the elimination of it !!!

## secretary

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**From:** david mcdowell [dogdarr@peoplpc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

how dare you.

## secretary

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**From:** edjam [edjam@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:09 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

Add to the COT reports not end it.

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Riffe [riffe75252@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I want to express my appreciation for the very helpful Commitment of Traders information that you provide. Being able to see when the commercials and other traders are accumulating and distributing their positions is very important information for every trader.

The only way that I would like to see the report changed would be to reduce or as much as possible eliminate the lag time between gathering the information and reporting the results.

Thank you for doing a great job of providing a vital service to the trading community.

Sincerely,

Robert Riffe

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Riffe [rriffe75252@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:12 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

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Thank you for doing a great job of providing a vital service to the trading community.

Sincerely,

Robert Riffe

## **secretary**

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**From:** Glenn Chitwood [gchitwoodcpa@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am writing about the possible discontinuance of the COT report. My opinion is that this is an incredibly useful piece of information that is used by MANY people in their investment decisions. Please continue to publish this valuable information. Thank you for your consideration.

Glenn C. Chitwood, Jr., CPA  
Wichita Falls, Texas

## **secretary**

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**From:** david voelker [dbvoelker@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

This report should not be stopped. Freedom of information and this is America right?

**secretary**

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**From:** steve bunn [stevebunn@optusnet.com.au]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 12:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report  
**Attachments:** "AVG certification"

Yes upgrade the COT reports to daily reports 12 hours old.

thanks in advance from  
steve bunn

**secretary**

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**From:** Rodger & Leanne Jump [rodgerleanne@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 11:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to request that the COT data reporting be continued at its current frequency and timeliness if not improved. Neither my wife nor I are big net worth investors but we are retired and monitoring the COT data is critical to our investing strategy and indicating to us when taking defensive positions is necessary to preserve our capital.

Sincerely,

Rodger and Leanne Jump  
Conifer, CO

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**secretary**

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**From:** Philip Murray [pleem@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 11:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Philip Murray  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs,

It's come to my attention that you are considering either eliminating the COT reports or increasing the reporting time rendering the information useless.

I am requesting that you continue with the COT reports and if anything reduce the reporting time to twice a week.

Your response that you received this email will be appreciated. I will contact my state senator tomorrow with the same request. Thanks.

Philip Murray  
Las Vegas, NV

**secretary**

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**From:** Gabriela Cartwright [gabcartwright@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:56 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Taking this information away from the public is just another way the authorities manipulate the markets and the truth. This is no different than when they announced that they will not publish the M3 reports.

If the public does not know, the public won't complain!!!

Hiding the truth is not acceptable.

Continue to publish the COT report!!!

Sincerely,

Gabriela Cartwright

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** ForexEG Jorge Andres [jaceballos@forexeg.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:27 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

I care about COT reports

Thanks,

Andres

**secretary**

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**From:** BHK888@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

WHY WHY HIDE A GOOD REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

**secretary**

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**From:** Barbara Clavenna [bjcal1@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:45 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Take away the information from the middle class and you'll get...

ZERO because we get ZERO.

**secretary**

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**From:** André Rohde Garder [andrg@broadpark.no]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:32 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Keep COT-reports flowing.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** JMHolford@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Fasttedb@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT reports

Eileen Donovan,  
Acting Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Center  
1155 21st Street, NW.  
Washington, DC 20581

Ms. Donovan,

This writing is in response to the CTFC request for comments on the Commitment of Traders (COT) reports, and possible changes to their scope.

The COT reports provide useful information that help level the playing field between the large insiders, and traders and investors in general. The need for such leveling varies from minor, in certain quasi-free markets, to barely adequate, in the most heavily manipulated markets.

The utility of COT information is without question:

" The information shows the concentration of positions that can be used for manipulative purposes. Silver investors, in particular, are much more wary based on the COT data showing the mind-bending concentration of the large commercial entities that the CTFC allows there.

" COT data can also expose perfidious behavior, as when Goldman Sachs apparently advised its clients to sell off their gold positions in 2006 to cover its own trading losses in gold shorts on the TOCOM (see <http://www.financialsense.com/fsu/editorials/kirby/2006/0111.html>, and <http://www.financialsense.com/Market/kirby/2006/0313.html> ).

I recommend that COT reporting be made

- " more automatic,
- " more electronic,
- " more inclusive,
- " to report entities by name,
- " more frequently,
- " with less latency, and
- " with upgraded on-line archives (to include the spot price at the time of the report as a field).

After Goldman's embarrassment in Japan, the TOCOM moved to eliminate COT reporting. Problem solved! But is the real problem the embarrassment of the wealthy few, or the failure to protect the honest many from perfidy and manipulation? The CTFC's action with regard to its own COT reports will show its true colors.

Respectfully yours,  
John M. Holford  
Oakton, Virginia

**secretary**

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**From:** TOM LUTZ [TLUTZ@HUGHES.NET]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:05 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORTS

I am a retired physician and have monitored the COT reports for years! Please do not stop this information. I am deeply concerned about the restriction of financial information that is happening in the USA...(e.g M3 data)...why?  
T.L.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** David Lai [dtmlai@bigpond.net.au]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The markets must be kept transparent and as a consequence, the COT report must continue to be published.

Sincerely

David Lai

**secretary**

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**From:** Karen Bryant [kjb1951@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:37 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please provide more timely reporting of COT data.  
Thank You,  
Karen Bryant

7/24/2006

## secretary

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**From:** Beth Rose [wearmanyhats@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:28 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Members of the CFTC.

Please reconsider halting the publication of the COT report. Although minor investors may not understand the need for this report, it provides essential data to those traders in the commodities area. It is in the best interests of the government to allow its citizens to use any means of data to further their livelihood, thereby providing a higher tax base with which our government can procure taxes from said individuals. This report not only gives jobs to the individuals writing and researching the report, it also provides that much needed data to those in a lucrative industry.

Thank you,

Beth Rose  
Individual investor

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**secretary**

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**From:** Sorkinbklyn@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:23 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I would appreciate it if these reports are kept as they are now with access available for public use

**Dr. Barry A. Sorkin**

**secretary**

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**From:** Barry [bsorkin@twmi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:22 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please keep these available for public use  
Barry

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Bundy [pabun@gulftel.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:28 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please keep the COT Report as is.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** C. Meyer [erle1938@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 6:16 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Secretary,

This report is vital to those who make commodities trades.

Taking this information away gives insiders an advantage and makes it almost impossible for the traders to secure that information. This tilting of the table in favor of insiders and others that would benefit by the withholding of this information casts doubts toward the integrity of cftc.

Why is this being considered when we are hitting a down turn in over all stock value and the pending housingmarket will take away additional monies that can not be replaced.

So please reconsider your action on the COT Reports and their value to the Commodities Traders to make informed trades as the emergence of China is making an impact on all commodities.

Thank you for your consideration of my request on this very important matter.

Clifford Meyer  
Modesto, CA

**secretary**

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**From:** Doris Roy [dorisroy@knology.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:37 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

WE NEED MORE TIMELY INFORMATION NOT ELIMINATION OF COT REPORTS. DORIS MEYERS

## secretary

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**From:** Kris Barski [kris\_barski@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am writing to you regarding COT report. Please do not eliminate it.  
Please publish it as soon as numbers are tabulated not with a three day delay.

Regards,

Kris Barski  
2728 W 16th. Avenue  
Vancouver, BC  
V6K 3C4

**secretary**

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**From:** Tom Piljac [tom110852@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Thomas M. Piljac  
7/23/2006  
576 Queenswood Road  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
(218)465-6990

Dear Sir or Madam,

I was completely dismayed to learn the CFTC was considering no longer publishing the COT reports. Small investors operate at a terrible disadvantage in these markets. The one tool at our disposal that actually gives us useful and timely information is the COT reports. I strongly urge you to continue publishing these numbers and making them available to the public. In fact, shortening the delay time before their release would be a huge help for small investors trying to exist on an uneven playing field. Doing away with the reports would be comparable to the government no longer publishing CPI and PPI numbers.

Regards,

Thomas M. Piljac

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Gloria Freundlich [drfreundlich@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 10:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

We need more freedom of information, not less. We need more timely reporting of COT data, not less. The public needs to be informed. The public will not back down on this one. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.  
Dr. Gloria Freundlich, Lakewood, New Jersey  
[drfreundlich@yahoo.com](mailto:drfreundlich@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Bill Kretschmar [palatinepainting@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:49 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Good Day,

I hope you will be continueing to publish these reports or I will be contacting my senators and representative, local and national media concerns. This will not stop here!

Thank You,

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**From:** Larry Cosgrave [cosgrave@pei.sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:55 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Please do not eliminate the COT data!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We lay investors already do not trust the powers that be, the corporations, brokers and overseers - do not make it worse!

Seriously, Larry Cosgrave

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**From:** Blotit@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:08 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORTS

INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US; THE COT REPORTS ARE OF GREAT INTEREST AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED. IF THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SAVE A FEW BUCKS LET THEM CUT BACK ON SALARIES, ESPECIALLY CONGRESSES.

L. EDWARD

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**secretary**

**From:** Bob Born [danceborn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:21 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Please do not change the COT reports unless you were to get the data out more quickly.

Thank you,

Bob Born

People occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened.

- Sir Winston Churchill

**secretary**

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**From:** SCOTT CUSKER [cuskers@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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You're considering doing away with the COT reports!  
What's up with you people. You've allowed silver to be manipulated all these years and now you think you can hide things from the public by eliminating the COT reports. I thought you're purpose was to protect the public. How do you guys sleep.

Scott Cusker

**secretary**

**From:** CWDukeJr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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COMMISSIONER  
CFTC OF THE COMMISSION

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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.

**PLEASE ALSO CORRECT THE HEDGER DATA**

Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject to position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can operate without position limits, and the position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission cannot see that this is the same speculative money, then I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the hedger category for traditional hedgers.

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

Charles W Duke Jr  
Arlington Tx

**secretary**

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**From:** K [karin@kjddesign.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that you may stop publishing the COT report and are inviting input from the public before August 20th.

Once again, I am deeply dismayed by yet another reduction of data accessible to the public from the government. My hope is that this is only an internet myth, a silly rumor. The advent of computers and the internet should make publication of data less burdensome not more. Didn't we just go through this when similarly pathetic reasons were floated to justify discontinuance of M3 publication? Our government by the people, for the people seems to be waging war against the greater transparency the internet and computers are forcing upon it. This shouldn't be!

This is willful withholding of information from the public, with clear ulterior objectives. This is just one more step in a long series of steps to suppress information and manipulate markets for the benefit of those who retain access. To say it interferes with free markets is obvious, but then there are very few left that believe in that fairytale. This is a disgrace, but I have hope that these decisions are increasingly being recognized for what they are.

I've recently read an entire book on how to use the COT report for investing. I wonder if the purchase price is refundable.  
Karin

**secretary**

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**From:** RV [rmkv020@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

The government should NOT stop issuing the COT reports. Our Freedom of Information rights are being trampled upon enough as it is. This information is needed by investors to help make decisions about their investments. The playing field is already stacked against the individual investor. Don't make things worse!

Robyn Vaughn

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**From:** Mrs Bear [mrsbear@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

7/20/06 10:40 PM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I want the COT to continue and be released in a timely manner, not after big business has done their dirty work.

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Scarborough [bsandgs@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Just go right ahead and join King George's slaughter of any and everything that helps anyone besides the supper rich!!

YOU WILL SUFFER TOO IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS!

**secretary**

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**From:** Russell Koch [russkoch@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

We need and expect to continue to receive the Commitment of Traders Report.

It is unreal that it should even be suggested to be stopped being available.

We need a change in Congress and most importantly a change in the executive branch to return government to the people. The real people not the wealthy supporters of the rich (Republican) establishment.

We will take back control and run you rascals out of town, on a rail if we can catch you.

I trust Cheney and Rove have their spies reading all of these comments.

Russell Koch  
Bloomfield, NJ

**secretary**

**From:** James Korman [jjkorman1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:47 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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Dear Sir,

I find the COT reports very beneficial in my trading/investing.

Respectfully,

James Korman

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**From:** Kenneth Seminario [kseminario@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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I enjoy having access to this data. Do not remove from the site.

**Kenneth Seminario**  
9727 Touchton Rd #120  
Jacksonville, FL 32246  
Cell: (904) 534-9754  
Home: (904) 685-2209  
Email:

**From:** Andrew Lukaszewich <andrew.lukaszewich@softwarenorth.com>  
**To:** cot@softwarenorth.com, cotp@softwarenorth.com  
**Subject:** CFTC is currently reviewing the COT program  
**Date:** Thu, 20 Jul 2006 12:34:06 -0800

The CFTC is currently reviewing the COT program.

**Might drop the program if not enough individuals respond to the inquiry.**

Please take a minute of your time to send a email to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov) with the subject "COT Reports" regarding what you would like to see changed in the COT reports:  
Examples:  
Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days.

Official release:  
<http://www.cftc.gov/foia/fedreg06/foi060621a.htm>

Thank you,

Andrew Lukaszewich  
Software North LLC

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**From:** Richard Requarth [richardrequarthcs@sbcglobal.net] 07/20/06 11:13:23  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:47 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

COT, AT THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends,

I request that you provide more timely COT Reports, not reduce them to once a month or eliminate them. They should be provided with only one day of delay instead of Tuesday's coming out on Friday. Can you correct this please? Richard Requarth

**secretary**

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**From:** Harvey Sparrow [hsparrow@internode.on.net] 01/21/06 03:23

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:48 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT REPORT

Removal of the COT report from public view can only be seen as an Orwellian step of a desperate organization. Similar to the now defunct M3 report, this is designed to cover for an incompetent administration. It will only lead to wise investors moving to truly secure investments and hasten the collapse of your once great democracy.

time.

Sparrow.

Thanks for your

H.

**secretary**

**From:** rwalden - AllVantage [rwalden@allvantage.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:49 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

Hi,

Regarding the COT report, please continue to publish it.

Thanks,  
Rodney

7/21/2006

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**From:** Brian Cameron [bcalpolyie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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To whom it may concern,

I am very disappointed to hear talk of eliminating the reporting of the COT data. At a time when data are easy and cheap to gather, we should have more, NOT LESS, data. It seems the SEC, the CFTC, the Fed, and various other government agencies are acting to restrict the flow of information. Many people are upset about the cancellation of M3 reporting and fear the same will happen to COT data. Please do not let this happen!

COT reports come out on Friday and are reflective of positions as of Tuesday. In this electronic age, this information should probably come out once a day, or at least with a one-day time lag.

The same holds even more for short reports. Short reports come out once a month. These should be released at least once per week. By the time the data does come out, it is quickly outdated and useless because of the time lag. One wonders if the intent is to make the data as useless as possible.

I suggest a complete revamping of the COT data so that it is reported more current and frequent and readily available to all who would like this information.

Brian

**secretary**

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**From:** david davidson [develop\_nyc@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:52 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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please continue releasing the information contained the Commitment of Traders reports. I need it to help me trade successfully.

Thank you.

David Davidson

**secretary**

**From:** kj [kj@optushome.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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2006 JUL 24 AM 12:12  
OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please, I strongly urge the Commission that the COT reports must be retained, and even increased in their

These reports are essential to the transparency, fairness and efficiency of markets, especially for smaller :

Regards, Mr. Karel Jancar (Snr.)

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DATES: Responses must be received by August 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written responses should be sent to Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Responses may also be submitted via e-mail at [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). "COT reports" must be in the subject field of responses submitted via e-mail, and clearly indicated in written submissions. This document is also available for comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**From:** rkafox7@sbcglobal.net [rkafox7@chartermi.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I am shocked to hear that the government is considering eliminating publication of the weekly COT report. We need more timely reports of this useful information, not elimination!

Richard Avitabile  
Private Commodities Investor

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**From:** Frank Dupone [frankdupone@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:55 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 20 10:19  
OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I am a frequent trader in the Commodity Market. Both the NYMEX/COMEX and the CBOT.

My main strategy is "shorting" markets and the COT Report helps out the Longs as it shows the transparency. I hope you get rid of the COT Reports as it will be easier for myself and other larger traders to short the market as it will give us an advantage.

Thank you,  
Frank

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**From:** suegay@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:55 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

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SEC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

I strongly urge you not to cease publishing the COT reports, this data is far too important to traders both individual and institutional. Good information is hard enough to come by and these reports are invaluable in my decision-making.

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**From:** michael ogren [mjogren@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COTreports

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Do not elimiate the cot reports. We have the right to this information.

Thank you,  
Mike Ogren

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**From:** Jim Schlegel [jimpsu@ptd.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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As an individual trader, I use the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

Changes that you are considering 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.

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.

Jim Schlegel

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**From:** MCARMELG@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARY

To whom it may concern,

I am appalled that the COT report will be cancelled. This is another way crooks can have more of the Wall Street profits. I am disgusted.

Mary C. Garcia

**secretary**

**From:** i cs [ics4mer@yahoo.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:25 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hi,

I believe that the COT reports are fundamental to managing a free, open and transparent commodities and futures market.

If this is stopped, then certainly my participation in the US futures markets will diminish dramatically.

Regards

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**From:** Gerry Millar [millar@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:25 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Please do not curtail the COT report in any way.

Robert G Millar Jr  
325 King Caesar Rd  
Duxbury MA 02332  
781-934-2612

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**From:** Stan Scott [scotwest@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

07/20/06 11:17

OFF. OF THE SECRETARANT

Dear Sirs,

It is my understanding that there is an upcoming hearing regarding the publishing or release of the Commitments of Traders reports. I would like to see the results released on a daily basis rather than weekly. This information is very useful to the independent trader who is otherwise at a great disadvantage to the institutional investor. It should not be a problem in today's electronic era to allow this information to be released more quickly and more often.

Thank you,

Stan Scott

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Stanley C. Scott  
P.O. Box 11654  
Newport Beach, CA. 92658

Tel #714-612-9010  
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**From:** John Petroulas [johnpetroulas@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 24 11:17

OFF. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Sir / Madam

I am a small Trader and rely heavily on the COT Report. ( as many others that I know do ).

Plaese, please continue publishing the reports and ----- CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR  
MARKETS .TRANSPARENT.

VERY CONCERNED.

Many thanks  
John Petroulas

**secretary**

**From:** J.G. "Pepe" Gutierrez [jggutier@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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I urge you to continue publishing the COT report.

I am an individual investor and find this report invaluable in my investment decisions. How can you, the government, expect the "little guy" to continue investing without proper information. First M3 and now the COT report. What is going on?

I, as well as many other investors, are losing faith in our government!

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J.G. "Pepe" Gutierrez

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**From:** Jimmie Walker [j7jsheep1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

2006 JUL 24 11:17:16

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I am requesting that you do not discontinue this report. We need this information for making decision on our investments.

Thanks:

Jimmie L. Walker

Jimmie Walker  
j7jsheep@yahoo.com  
321 267-6761

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**From:** A. R. Wasem [arwasem@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:26 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Gentlemen - I hereby request that the above reports continue to be "published" at least as often as presently and, preferably, more often, and with a shorter time lag, than presently. Sincerely Yours - A. Richard Wasem

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**From:** Jonathan Krohn [jskr1234@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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As a trader and a citizen concern with the United States maintaining free and fair markets, I am opposed to the proposal to eliminate the COT Report.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Krohn

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**From:** Mike/Neva [oursite@consolidated.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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Please continue to publish this information. It is important to everyone involved in the markets.

J. Mike Gillum  
16868 Falcon Sound Dr  
Montgomery, Tx

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**From:** peter.whitley@thomson.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Hi

I am an analyst for Thomson Financial and I am disappointed to learn that you will cease publishing the COT report.

I hope that you reconsider your actions as this report is used widely throughout the market. If anything I would have though that the report could be improved on by making the data a little more up to date.

Kind Regards  
Peter Whitley  
Thomson Financial  
Sydney, Australia  
612 9225 3115

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**From:** Josh Phair [capstone22@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

2006 JUL 24 10:10:15

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Please keep the COT Reports. They are vital for understanding what is going on.

More transparency is what we need - it will help keep business in America as many foreign exchanges are trying to set up a better model. We cannot change this feature now.

Thank you.

**secretary**

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**From:** 5588@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports  
  
**Importance:** High

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This is the single most important report for small traders. It gives the most reliable info for long term trends and allows us to really invest rather than just scalp and bottom feed. I speak frankly on behalf of many. To discontinue the COT data would do damage that is not worth whatever cost it would save.

Thanks, Ed Gerecs

2290 Oak Court  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

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**From:** M.B [mustben@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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is there any possibility of reporting the COT data on a daily basis ? thank

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**From:** Albert Rodriguez [excelinnovations@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it every day when considering trades.  
I find the growing propensity of the U.S. government to walk all over freedom of information appalling.

**secretary**

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**From:** cowdoc [cowdoc549@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

To Whom It May Concern,

I am against the attempt to eliminate the COT reports.

In this age of instant information the reports should be expanded and provided with less lag time. To eliminate only increases the chances for fraud and manipulation by insiders.

Respectfully,  
Lynn Steele

**secretary**

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**From:** sgl [stan@stonymeadow.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:05 PM 2006 JUL 24 AM 10:15  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

OFC. OF THE SECRETARIAT

Keep publishing the COT Report!

If you want to keep the playing field fair for small private investors such as my self, you must keep the COT report.

Regards,  
--Stan

**secretary**

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**From:** Chris McClave [chrism@myacc.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Do not eliminate the COT report. We need more transparent data not less.

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**From:** Darren Long [darrenl@thunderbayconsulting.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

The removal of the COT reports would be absolutely horrendous to people that utilize this as a tool in trading everyday. I would ask that you maintain the cot report

Best regards,

**Darren Long B.A.**  
**Senior Precious Metals Broker**  
**Thunderbay Consulting Canada Limited**  
**Toll Free: 1-866-274-9570 x223**  
**Phone: 905-305-8422 x223**  
**Fax: 905-948-8305**

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**From:** david outlaw [davidnotes@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

**Please** continue to make the COT report available for public viewing.

Thank you for any help you can provide.  
David

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Groups are talking. We're listening. Check out the [handy changes to Yahoo! Groups](#).

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**From:** James Allan [jallan@pie.midco.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:10 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

We strongly oppose the canceling of COT Reports. There are too many games being played now, and this will greatly increase the cover for these players . Please DO NOT do this.

First it was cancelling M-3, now COT, so what next?

James Allan  
Pierre South Dakota

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**From:** Anthony Westerling [awesterl@ucsd.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:43 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To whom it may concern

Withholding the information contained in the COT Reports is inconsistent with the maintenance of an efficient free market. Risk pricing in markets with public information is more efficient than in markets where risk information is proprietary. I urge you to increase the frequency and timeliness of the COT Reports.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Westerling

School of Engineering  
School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts University of California, Merced  
awesterling@ucmerced.edu

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**From:** Don Roos [rosewood1@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report  
**Attachments:** 072106-a.gif

Mr. Secretary, CFTC:

This letter is written to affirm the importance of the COT Reports and to state:

**NO! Please DO NOT discontinue the COT Reports.**

The weekly COT Reports are the ONLY means that a small trader can level the playing field with the large entities trading the futures markets. If you were to take away the COT Reports, you would be making futures trading extremely uneven, compared to the commercials with their inside information and the large specs with their huge research budgets and staffs.

**The COT Report is mandatory to allow the small traders information crucial to their very trading existence.**

Enclosed is a gif of how small speculators may level the playing field with the large traders and commercials. It is from an inexpensive service, timingcharts.com [with which I have no affiliation]. The gif shows the application of a momentum oscillator to the net position data of gold which was very useful to see what the commercials and large traders were doing at the time. By noting the strong relative net long positions of the commercials and the weak relative net long positions of the large traders in March and June of this year, it gave me the information I needed as a small trader to make profitable trades. It gave me information that the commercials already know and which the large traders can infer by their positions on the floor of the futures exchanges.

Please do not discontinue the COT Reports, as they are the only way that small traders can compete with the large traders and commercials.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Donald M. Roos  
Futures Trader for my own accounts at Rosewood Trading  
Trader and investor in futures-related stocks [in the oil and gas as well as metals markets] within my retirement accounts

**secretary**

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**From:** Kip Dangler [kdangler@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

we do not need further regulations (which will spawn more regulations). If anything just give us more timely COT reports.  
Kip Dangler

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**From:** EARL ALLISON [eball@msn.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:05 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

**please do NOT eliminate any cot data, but enhance it....E.B. Allison**

**secretary**

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**From:** Delhipower@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:05 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Delhipower@aol.com  
**Subject:** COT Report

Please do not stop issuing the COT report regarding commodities. Why would you or rather you're agency, want to keep information as vital to trading as the COT Report unavailable to the general public. Last evening on the TV show Mad Money, with Jim Cramer the host, Mr Cramer accused certain Hedge funds of manipulating the energy markets. Lo and behold today MY shares in Baker Hughes Int. are down over 3%. I'll bet this won't be investigated? And this was announced on PRIME TIME TV!!!

**secretary**

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**From:** George Ogden [geogden@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:05 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

As an individual investor, I strongly oppose any proposal to stop publishing the Commitment of Traders report.

George Ogden  
Pleasanton, CA

## **secretary**

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**From:** Marc Thurston [marcthurston@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sirs,

I am a disabled, vietnam veteran who supports my family by investing in the financial markets. The COT Report is absolutely vital to my ability to make informed decisions in the financial markets and invest in a more level playing field. I fought in Vietnam against a regime who's fundamental philosophy was absolute control of information. Our country has always believed that government releases the information, then lets God sort it out. Don't start playing God, release the damn information.  
Sincerely, Marc Thurston, Disabled Vietnam Veteran, 173rd Airborne Brigade, '67-'68

**secretary**

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**From:** Joey S [dibble1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir or Maddam,

I am writing in response to your request for input regarding the COT reports. I agree totally with Ted Butler. The reports are valuable and will hopefully continue. They are the most important data published by your agency and to terminate them would be harmful to the public interest.

I have one specific suggestion for improving the report, namely, that you include spread data in the commercial category, like is currently provided in the non-commercial category. This will provide greater transparency in determining the true nature of the commercials' holdings.

If this change was adopted, it would then become optional as to whether you added spread data in the non-reporting category, or left it to the reader to compute this amount.

Further, if adding commercial spread data proved too cumbersome or complicated in the futures/options combined long form report, a futures-only change would be a great improvement and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Joey Steele

**secretary**

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**From:** Doug Hard [dhard@vallnet.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:08 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

Dear Sir;

Please do NOT stop making available to the public the weekly COT reports , especially for precious metals. This information is vital to the investing public and should be used by government agencies to forestall manipulations of these markets.

Respectfully yours,

Doug Hard

**secretary**

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**From:** DMO Mail Box  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** FW: COT Report

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**From:** Davis, Lori E.  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:16 AM  
**To:** DMO Mail Box  
**Subject:** FW: COT Report

I'm forwarding this email to you that I received regarding the COT reports.  
Lori

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**From:** acajdin [mailto:acajdin@dodo.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 5:15 AM  
**To:** Davis, Lori E.  
**Subject:** COT Report

Hi,

I received an email stating that the Commitment of Traders report will be suspended. I am writing to ask you to please continue publishing this report. I trade the commodity markets and the COT report is a major part of my decision making process. I think the COT report is an excellent service and in a democratic free market, this kind of information should be available to the public.

Regards  
Ahmet Cajdin  
Melbourne, Australia

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**From:** sanddollarcolo@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Please make the COT report a daily report. It is an excellent report.

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** DeWayne Green [dew@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:01 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

The timely reporting of COT data is essential that the US Government provide. We live in an information rich period of time and the elimination of the COT data report would be a serious step in the wrong direction. Its continued availability is a MUST.

J.D. Green  
721 Fairway  
Anaheim, CA

**secretary**

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**From:** Jo Helm [johelm@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Sir:

Please continue the COT reports, preferably in a more timely manner.

Please do NOT cancel the report. It is much too useful for the direction of both the stock market and the national economy.

Sincerely,

Jo Helm

405-341-2767

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert King [robert\_king@telus.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:01 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

The end of the Commitment of Traders' Report is just the next big step on the road to totalitarian state?

**secretary**

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**From:** Mike Rogers [myke1@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

Save the COT report !

Mike Rogers  
[myke1@earthlink.net](mailto:myke1@earthlink.net)  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

**secretary**

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**From:** Dave Kranzler [bond\_wiz2001@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 8:29 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** re: the weekly COT reports

Be nice if you guys did not eliminate the ONE thing you do that is useful. Lord Almighty knows you guy suck at every other aspect of you job. But if you decide to stop publishing the COT report: fuck you, die and go to hell

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**From:** Roderick Weaver [rodweaver@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:04 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Please continue to make the COT report available to the public, Thank You.

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Ramsey [rsey103@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 8:57 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot report

Please continue publishing and making available the COT Report.

Thank you.

Robert Ramsey  
[rsey103@earthlink.net](mailto:rsey103@earthlink.net)  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

**secretary**

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**From:** Florence Davis [elsueno@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 8:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Gentlemen:

We need MORE information, and more TIMELY information, not less. How about publishing the COT report daily, no later than one day after exact data.

It's hard enough for us "little guys" without your stacking the deck against us further by obfuscating data.

Thank you.

Florence Davis, [elsueno@hotmail.com](mailto:elsueno@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Steve [sjgallagher@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

First M3 and now the COT report? Why the effort to decrease transparency? What is being hidden? Or will soon need to be hidden? Perhaps there is a need to hide the heavy short position(s) in Silver? (level with us, is that held by China?) or the flood of money about to be printed to devalue the dollar? I guess when there are shenanigans about to take place it's best to shut the blinds first.

## secretary

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**From:** Bruce Carlton [bcarlice@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:19 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Commitment of Traders Report

Dear Sirs:

I have just heard that the C of T report may be eliminated. This is a bad idea as the general investing public needs these reports to make informed decisions on investing. I am not a commodities trader but still use these reports to make other investing decisions as many others do also. By eliminating this report you will be playing to the large professional traders and against the small individual.

Bruce Carlton

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**From:** Nick Alzuro [nalzuro@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I have just become aware of a possible attempt to eliminate the publication of the COT report. I find this abhor-able as it is indispensable as an investment tool. If anything should happen, it should be published with less lag! This is a betrayal of the "increased transparency" movement as it serves only those who want to operate in secrecy in our free markets! Sincerely, Nick Alzuro.

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**From:** Carl Royer [appraiser@pnnw.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 8:33 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Reports

So you want to stop publishing the COT Report? Are you related to the departments that stopped publishing the M3 money supply reports?

Are you worried about what will happen when the gold and silver shorts finally lose theirs, and it becomes obvious that you have allowed them to ignore the rules for years? We wouldn't want the public to know would we?

Please don't stop publishing the COT report and I won't email you anymore.

Thanks,  
Carl

**secretary**

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**From:** Spalding Hall [spaldinghall17@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

If you can give me one, even one good reason not to report the traders commitments I would be impressed. Instead of debating the removal of this information the CFTC should:

- 1) Report every day (with a one day time lag if you really, really need it).
- 2) Get all this dumb index money into the large spec class where it belongs.

I honestly cannot believe that I am being forced to write this email! Are you kidding me?! Is this America or not? What are you guys thinking?!

By the way I registered with the NFA and the CFTC and I will be writing you in that capacity as well.

## secretary

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**From:** Dave Jorgenson [davejo10@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the Commodities Futures Trading Commission may stop publishing the Commitment of Traders report. Please do not let this happen. The COT is a very valuable tool for traders, myself included, in gauging the markets. M3 has already been done away with and now this? Is there a concerted effort to keep information from the public? This is wrong and should not happen.

Please do not stop reporting COT data.

Thank You,

David Jorgenson

## secretary

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**From:** John Wermuth [wermuth@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:28 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

What could be the rationale for eliminating the COT report?

If anything, with information so much more readily available on short notice, the COT report should be retained and disclosed more often and in more timely fashion than it has been.

Please do not take away the COT report. It is one of the only reports which can be of some use to retail traders like myself.

John Wermuth

## secretary

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**From:** Bud Hovell [bud@uzix.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:49 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** what the heck?

Gentlemen:

It is beyond belief that the COT report, which has proved so useful to traders and investors, is suddenly threatened with being removed from public scrutiny. No obvious good can come of this, which leaves the question of who benefits by this strikingly odd proposal.

Regards,

Bud Hovell

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**From:** Nancy Stefani [nancystefani@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 6:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sirs,

What scam is this? Trying to eliminate the COT report, on the contrary, it should be updated sooner, not eliminated.

It is very suspect for you to try to eliminate another very needed report at a time when more and more American middle class will have to depend on their investment capital to sustain themselves in their retirement years.

No to eliminating the COT report.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Nancy Stefani  
Long Beach CA

## secretary

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**From:** michael benghiat [mikobee@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Hello:

I would like to see more timely access to the COT data, with only a day's lag, not the current 3 days.  
And please do not eliminate it like M3 reporting.

Michael Benghiat

**secretary**

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**From:** sanddollar@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Responding to your request for input on the COT report.

This is a very useful report and should be made more frequent, for example on a daily basis.

While you are at it, please make the short interest report daily also.

Thanks and Regards,

Phillip Wilhelm

## secretary

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**From:** bcoached [bcoached@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Save the COT. It is a disservice to all traders to discontinue it

Thank You

J Dorn  
Phoenix, AZ

**secretary**

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**From:** Gene Clark [bjclark55@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:55 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

I would like to request that the COT report be available to the public on Wednesday morning each week instead of Friday afternoon. The 3 day delay in the report gives the manipulators too great an advantage not to mention their illegally large positions that go unprosecuted by regulators. The CFTC is supposed to protect the public from manipulators but are instead protecting the manipulators from the public when information is delayed or not reported at all. Isn't this close to fascism and tyranny? How can we have free markets when government regulators protect the criminals and allow them to destroy investors and companys with impunity? And how can the CFTC even consider eliminating the COT report? There will be a revolution if you do.

Gene Clark

**secretary**

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**From:** BMik777@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

I am asking that you continue to publish the COT (Commitment of Trader) report. It is a very necessary tool that I use in my business. Without it, I will be less effective in what I do. Thank you.

Bryan Mihalakis  
2935 Fox Hollow Dr.  
Dubuque, Iowa, 52001

**secretary**

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**From:** Robert Cameron [Robert@inbalhq.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Improve Openness and reporting- don't sabotage it--COT reports more often, not less  
**Importance:** High

We need more frequent reporting, and more openness reporting to prevent the run-away fraud occurring in the financial establishments (and government).

I am very disappointed to hear talk of eliminating the reporting of the COT data. At a time when data are easy and cheap to gather, we should have more, NOT LESS, data. It seems the SEC, the CFTC, the Fed, and various other government agencies are acting to restrict the flow of information. Many people are upset about the cancellation of M3 reporting and fear the same will happen to COT data. Please do not let this happen!

COT reports come out on Friday and are reflective of positions as of Tuesday. In this electronic age, this information should probably come out once a day, or at least with a one-day time lag.

The same holds even more for short reports. Short reports come out once a month. These should be released at least once per week. By the time the data does come out, it is quickly outdated and useless because of the time lag. One wonders if the intent is to make the data as useless as possible.

I suggest a complete revamping of the COT data so that it is reported more current and frequent and readily available to all who would like this information.

Robert Cameron  
Investor

**secretary**

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**From:** Lee [bandito@sisna.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** greg@whiskeyandgunpowder.com  
**Subject:** cot reports

You guys have never broke a sweat,you do so little & now you want to do nothing

## secretary

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**From:** Dave Pettigrew [dave@pettigrewinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Secretary,

As a stock and options trader, I just want to request that the COT data be made available on a daily basis with no more than a one day lag. In this information age we need good info like the COT report and we need it daily to get a handle on the momentum changes within the market.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Dave Pettigrew

**secretary**

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**From:** Gerald Smith [gerald.smith8482@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Secretary;

Please do not eliminate or delay the COT report. In this day of expanding electronic capability financial information of all kinds should be readily available daily (not weekly), in my opinion. I strongly feel that full and immediate disclosure should be made of huge commodity or market positions of individuals or institutions since these positions could potentially harm even astute smaller traders who had no knowledge of the huge positions.

Sincerely,

Gerald P. Smith  
Lakewood, Ohio

**secretary**

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**From:** Bob Drummond [collectr@wightman.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:28 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** Re: Cot Reports

As an investor I find this report of great value and considering the things I am required, by the government, to pay for that are of no use and absolutely no value, it would be nice if I got at least something I can use for the money the government takes from me.

Since the cancellation of the M3 report I begin to wonder what else the government has to hide.

Bob

7/21/2006

## secretary

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**From:** ronald.welch@gm.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:59 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

If my Government creates information for Americans, why would they then hide it?

Government intervention in a free market system is dangerous at best.  
Please let the markets work without deceit, lying or stealing information from Americans.

Please provide us more timely reporting of the COT and all data, not hiding or eliminating it.

We all know hiding M-3 is wrong in every way. Let's all be honest business men and women, and let our free markets be free.

**secretary**

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**From:** Dale Hemmingmoore [master\_goldsmith@jewelry-design.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:48 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

-Hello,

I just found out that you intend to eliminate the COT report. Why? In this age the data is not that difficult to collect and compile. The information is useful to the public to make informed choices in their investments. The only adjustment that should be considered would be to move to more frequent publishing rather than less.

Dale Hemmingmoore

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**From:** Mike Coomes [mikecoomes@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:44 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I have heard with some chagrin that you are considerng elimenating the COT report. I have to register my disagreement with this possible decision. We need free access to all data to have free and fair markets. If anything the COT report should be biweekly with next day reporting. In this age of instant access to most data this possible deletion of a valuable bit of information is abominable. I go on record as registering my position as for more not less reporting of COT data.

Michael Coomes

## secretary

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**From:** Clemens Sartori [clemens.sartori@web.de]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:51 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days please.

Many thanks  
Clemens Sartori  
from Germany

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**From:** Andrew Collins [andrewrichardcollins@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

Dear Sir/Madam,

The thought of withdrawing these numbers from the public eye (many of the big players can deduce these numbers themselves due to their size) can only be seen as censorship. I for one wholly recommend not going down this line of ugly and unnessecery intervention. This would be one more step in the seeming continuing process of stacking the odds in favour of the big players, where is this China? If anything these numbers should be made public more regularly and more timely with the technology available today.

Yours.

## secretary

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**From:** John Olson [jkolson@bigpond.net.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:49 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I am a small Forex trader and use all the tools and information I can access in an attempt to predict future market trends.

Naturally I was distressed to learn that one of my favourite sources of information, COT data, may be axed. As it is the data is vague, being issued only once a week. What I would really like to see is the COT data being available daily rather than weekly - but certainly weekly is better than nothing, as it gives us little traders some idea of where the big money is going, and therefore a chance to be on the same side.

And so I want to add my voice to what I'm sure will be an avalanche of complaints about the possible axing of COT. We want & need MORE information, not less, in order to make a living from the markets.

I should add that I am an aged pensioner, and rely on the market to supplement my meagre income.

Yours Sincerely,

John Olson

**secretary**

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**From:** MAuer1959@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:47 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

As a long time investor in gold and precious metals stocks, I find the publication of the CFTC reports to be invaluable. To cease publication is not only profoundly unfair to small investors, but in keeping with the growing trend of censorship in the US.. It is an outrage and I would strongly urge you NOT to pursue this profoundly unfair course of action.

Yours sincerely,

Marshall Auerback  
RAB Capital plc

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**From:** rgbrennan@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:46 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please continue to publish.

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**From:** Ernie McDermid [emcdermid@amtelecom.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:05 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot report

why are you eliminating the timely reporting of this.you should with modern technolgy report it quicker and more often.is it to help hide the excessive short position of the biggest players in the silver market which we know don't have the silver to back it up.so they just add on more.somebody is not doing their job.

## secretary

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**From:** Tony G. Thomas [tgt@adventnet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:37 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

Dear Sir,

I understand you are seeking comment on the COT report among other things. I have a short comment.

It would be a great disservice to discontinue the COT report.

It sends a strong signal that CFTC supports selective information sharing, and it stacks the deck against the retail investor. This kind of information is essential to an open and free market.

Regards,  
Tony G. Thomas

## secretary

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**From:** Mack [mccullek@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I have heard that there is a possibility that you might drop the COT reports. These reports are valuable to the trading public and I use them to help make trade decisions each and every week. One improvement that I would like to see would be to shorten the delay on publicizing the data. I would like to see the data released each Monday with up to date data, rather than data that is 3 days old. If that's not possible, sticking with a Friday release with current data would be my second choice.

Thanks for considering,

Ken McCullough

## secretary

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**From:** Randall Jernigan [rjernigan@uplogon.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:52 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

I am a very small trader of commodities and any change to the reporting of the commitment of traders reports would be a big loss to me. I also believe that it would be the perfect tool for insiders to front run trades with little way of catching them. I just can't believe that my government wants to make the markets more secret , I have always thought that the more open a market the better it is for all. Please put me the no vote column on this one.

Sincerely  
Randall Jernigan  
Gladstone Michigan

**secretary**

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**From:** Avery Wang [avery@rault-wang.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:14 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Dear Sir,  
the COT report is comprised of highly useful data that the large institutional traders are able to calculate for themselves. The government gathers this information and is capable of publishing it on a daily basis. Knowing this information is critical for leveling the playing field, especially for the small investors. The COT report should be published daily, not weekly. It is furthermore in the wrong direction to reduce the availability and timeliness of the reports.

-Avery Wang

**secretary**

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**From:** DTrader211@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

To Whom It May Concern:

I have enjoyed receiving the COT information and would be very discouraged to see anything happen to this website . I would definitely like to see the information given in a more timely mannner I day trade 30yr. t-bonds I have been doing this for the past 7yrs. and I could never understand why the COT data is received on a delayed basis, when the information is available it should be offered at that time,

Sincerely  
Dominick Capizola

**secretary**

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**From:** Lucy Brenton [loanrep@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

In today's information age, I am shocked that it has been proposed that we, the public, receive less information, not more. We will certainly watch this issue closely. It seems that certain, influential people want us to remain in the dark so that they may effectively manipulate the markets even more. Say it ain't so.

Please publish more COT reports, and more often.

Thank you.

**secretary**

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**From:** newel56@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:51 PM  
**To:** secretary; secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Let's absolutely get this extremely useful data reported on a more frequent and timely basis, with constant real-time display the ideal. Daily reporting of the previous day's data should be an easily implemented starting point for improvement. With inexpensive modern computerized data compilation, there is no excuse for not bringing this key market measure into the twenty-first century, let's get with the times!

Spencer Newel  
Fresno, CA

**secretary**

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**From:** FChessler [FChessler@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:51 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** After the scam of removing M3 data why not remove the COT data- fraud in action!

**secretary**

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**From:** John Riggs [jriggs58@adelphia.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:39 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

Hello,

The COT reports constitute one of the most valuable sources of information available to individual traders and those interested in understanding the economy. I strongly urge the Commission to publish this data more frequently than it is today, and under no circumstances to cease publication.

The hedge funds, mutual funds and other big players in the market have their own sources of information - one of the most significant contributions the government can make is providing this sort of information to the rest of us.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely, John Riggs

## secretary

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**From:** RMANGAN@woh.rr.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:49 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

I implore you to continue to issue COT reports and to increase their frequency to more often than once per week. The COT reports are valuable information which are paid for from my taxes. The M3 reporting has been eliminated, and I do not want any more data to be withheld/suppressed. Please continue the COT reports and increase their frequency to provide a more timely flow of information.

Thank you very much,  
Robert R. Mangan

**secretary**

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**From:** Proficast [Proficast@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** OBJECTIONS TO DISCONTINUING COT REPORT

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CFTC OF THE COMMISSION

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. I WILL CEASE ALL TRADING, MY OWN ACCOUNT PLUS THE MANAGED ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES SHOULD THE CFTC NOT PUBLISH COT DATA!!!! NOT PUBLISHING THE COT DATA WILL UNLEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD!!

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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.

7/21/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Alec Stewart [Alec@hifx.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:14 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** FW: COT Reports

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Sorry the email below was for software north who provide a format for viewing your data. I am surprised to hear you are considering dropping this release as I feel it is essential viewing, ideally and I am sure it would raise broader interest if done, you would release the data more quickly

Thank you  
Alec Stewart

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Alec Stewart  
**Sent:** 21 July 2006 11:09  
**To:** 'secretary@cftc.gov'  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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**From:** Janine Martyna [j9martyna@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:04 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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COT REPORTS

I am writing this letter in response to the notice that COT reporting may soon come to an end. This is a valuable tool to smaller traders and should not be eliminated or reduced in frequency or accessibility. Please do not proceed with the possibility of ending the COT reporting currently in place.

Janine Martyna

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**From:** Bill Bibler [mralih@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:04 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** cot report

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Dear Sir or Madam,  
The cot report is important to us . Please do not modify or eliminate it. It is an important tool for us to use. Please send me updates on this subject.

William Bibler Trusts  
by William B Bibler  
mralih@earthlink.net

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**From:** Kirk Vogel [kirklandvogel@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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We need the COT report. Keep it!

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--Mark Twain

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**From:** Will Shipley [washipley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:03 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

JUL 21 2006 10:03 AM  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sirs,

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it everyday when considering trades. It is about the only piece of data the Government puts out that I actually think is useful. So when I found out this information might be taken away I was very disappointed, but unfortunately not surprised at all. I find the growing propensity of the US government to walk all over freedom of information appalling.

By hiding key market info like the COT report, the marketplace is no longer level, and free market integrity is deeply in question. I for one plan to write to Congress, the CFTC, NFA and even the President to express my objection to suppression of information.

Please consider these words carefully when making your decisions.

Respectfully,  
Will Shipley

***Peace, Will***

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**From:** Robert Hollander (bobh@Princeton.EDU) [bobh@Princeton.EDU]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sirs,

Just having heard from my local government that my taxes were going up nearly 100% (while my services remained at the current level, i.e., zero), I today heard that the other beneficiary of my largess, the Feds, were considering a decision to reduce or cut entirely the COT report. I write you as a taxpayer to voice my complaint and my hope that if you will not increase the frequency of the issuance of these reports, you will at least maintain the current status.

Robert Hollander

Professor in European Literature, Emeritus

Princeton University

**secretary**

**From:** Bruce Klemash [bruce.klemash@bayerbms.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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I consider any consideration of not publishing the COT Report AN OUTRAGE in which I am already writing my Congressman and Senator. In fact, I ask that COTs be published sooner and more often.  
Bruce Klemash

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**From:** KSeminaro@EvergreenInvestments.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:00 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

2006 JUL 21 AM 10:00

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Data is currently released on Friday for the last Tuesday, perhaps removing or shortening the time delay of 3 days.

Thanks,  
Kenneth Seminaro  
Portfolio Manager Assistant  
EPS/TIS Southern Region  
Phone: (904) 489-4696  
Fax: (904) 489-6566

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**From:** Hanspeter Ehram [gts@dial.eunet.ch]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:57 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** concerning your site

I like the site the way it is. In fact I use your COT figures once a week for my weekly review. Please keep it up and many thanks for what you have done for us investors.

Best regards  
Hanspeter Ehram

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**From:** Harry.Hareesha@slmd.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

please continue to publish COT report

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**From:** Gene Baucom [supermeangene@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 21 AM 9:57

OFF. OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sir,

I read recently that your office is considering stopping the weekly Commitment of Traders reports. I think this is a terrible idea. This information is extremely valuable to small traders. So far as I'm concerned it would be a step back into the dark ages. You should be looking for more ways to provide small traders with better information, not taking away valuable tools.

thanks,

gene

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**From:** Max Asare [max@ni9e.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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What would be the purpose for not publishing this information? We all know the real answer, but the question is what will they say? If we want to have our free market system then we must fight for it.

Max Asare

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**From:** Jordan Roumieu [roumieu@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

2006 JUL 24 AM 9:15

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To Whom it May Concern,  
Please do not discontinue the COT report. It is perhaps the most useful piece of information available to a trader that gets published. If anything, COT reports should be made available in a more timely fashion. Elimination of this report would damage free markets.  
Thank you,  
Jordan Roumieu

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**From:** steven spetz [sgspetz@kos.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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Eliminating data in a free market is proof positive of corruption at the highest levels. Did ENRON teach you nothing!!!!??

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**From:** Brian Catalucci [blctech@insixdays.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:53 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I request more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.  
In this day of computerized information we have the ability of more timely and more concise information. The COT must be kept and updated more frequently.

Thanks  
Brian Catalucci

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**From:** Ted Waskiewicz [tjwask@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:53 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

2006 JUL 21 AM 9:14

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CONTINUE THE COT REPORT AND IF ANYTHING THAT IT BE PUBLISHED ON A DAILY BASIS RATHER THAN DELETING IT. THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL TO OUR "FREE MARKET SYSTEM"

**secretary**

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**From:** b.york [byork@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:52 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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I am writing to request that you keep publishing the COT report. You took away the M3 report, which was a worthwhile report, and now this? Why? This is a report that is actually useful!  
Please keep publishing this report.  
Bruce York

**secretary**

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**From:** Joe Robertson [joerob1@telus.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 9:52 AM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT report

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Free Markets! Keep the weekly COT reports.

Joe Robertson  
Alberta, Canada

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**From:** Kundan Mehta [kundanmehta@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:37 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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We object to discontinuation of the COT report.

INSTEAD, the COT Report should be issued on a DAILY BASIS.

The US govt is heading in the wrong direction by eliminating /reducing info to the public instead of pursuing TOTAL TRANSPARENCY by giving MORE INFORMATION to the public on a timely basis.

This is BUSH's personal and the agenda of the "corrupt supporters" of the Republican Party. We reject it and are against it.

**MORE TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC INFORMATION IS REQUIRED NOT LESS.**

K. Mehta  
C. Mehta

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**From:** Don Eves [deves@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:33 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

To whom it may concern:  
The removal of the COT reports should not happen. COT reports contribute to the integrity of the system administering commodity trading. Please don't undermine the integrity of the markets by removal of this report.  
Don Eves

**secretary**

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**From:** andrea [andrea@itgold.it]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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2006 JUL 21 AM 9:03

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT

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Andrea Barbarossa  
[www.itgold.it](http://www.itgold.it)

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**From:** MICHAEL TRENNER [mtrenner@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I am a small investor in commodities. I used the COT reports for investment purposes. Without it I might as well quit the market. No more broker fee's or commissions would be paid. So, do not discard the COT reports.

Thank you,

Michael Trenner an American citizen

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:32 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

As a very long-time investor, I would appreciate it if the COT reports were more up to the "minute" so to speak. How about being released within a day or two?

The timely release of this info is important.

Thank you,  
Scott Hartley

**secretary**

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**From:** Steve Gale [suavae@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:25 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot reports

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Greetings. Come on you "people". We average investors need more, not less, info in order to make informed decisions. Is it your intent to curb all investment from the "little guys"? Expand the COT report; don't eliminate it...

I'd appreciate an answer.

Steve Gale

**secretary**

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**From:** neal bach [njb123@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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William F. Alexander III, MA, LPC, LCDC

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:01 AM  
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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**To:** secretary  
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Keith Calilcoat

**secretary**

**From:** Oliver Ockerlander [OliverO@bhrealty.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report  
**Importance:** High

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**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

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**Cc:** Robert M Acker  
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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:59 AM  
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**Cc:** amousc2  
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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:54 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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Sincerely

Edwin A. Salhany

Nature's Nuggets Natural Foods, Inc.

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**From:** Carolyn Walters [carolynwalters@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 12:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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To: secretary@cftc.gov

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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:36 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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From: John Foster  
Subj: COT Report

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**From:** Philip [sparky29@bluebottle.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:11 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**To:** secretary

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**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:59 AM

**To:** secretary

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**To:** secretary  
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**Importance:** High

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**To:** secretary; secretary  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Best regards,

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**From:** Marvin Brooks [seabrooksm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 5:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov  
From: Marvin Brooks  
Subj: COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:35 AM  
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**From:** jason.kingsparke@ntlworld.com  
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**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** support@genesisft.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:50 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** tommytankk@hotmail.com; tommytkk@starhub.net.sg  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:49 PM

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**From:** Mark [m.holland2@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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Sincerely,

Ken Nielsen

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Jacob Thomas [ajacob@sympatico.ca]  
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**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** h.keune@web.de  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:14 AM  
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**From:** devanator2@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

The Commitments of Traders reports are an integral part of my business. I use them for analyzing markets and making trading decisions. I am a small sole proprietor helping my clients to make intelligent and informed decisions. The "big" players in the commodity markets have ready access to far more information than I – the COT report helps to level the playing field by disclosing the relative positions of various market participants.

As an analogy, suppose you were playing poker but you only knew the total size of the "pot" and how much your "call" would cost you. You weren't allowed to know WHO had bet HOW MUCH or WHAT cards they had showing. How fair would that be?

I can think of only two reasons to consider abolishing this report: (1) if it were costly to produce and no one was using it very much anyway and (2) somebody with superior market information is trying to "unlevel" the playing field.

(1) is surely not true as many people, especially individuals such as myself, are using the data. In fact, in this day of electronic globalization, it would be especially useful if the report were released more than once a week and with less lead time. As it is "big" players already are "gaming" the report by taking positions after the Tuesday cut-off which means I won't know about it for over 10 days until the following Friday. So much of the time I'm already acting on "stale" data. To do away with the data altogether would be devastating. The CFTC is here to help market liquidity and fairness – abolishing the COT report would do the opposite.

(2) If (2) is the driving force behind abolishing the COT report ... well, that's just unconscionable.

Thank you for the chance to share my thoughts.

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**From:** Keith Lea [KLea@bof.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:49 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

Please DO NOT stop publishing the COT report. This is important information that is very useful to the investing public!  
Thanks for your consideration of one investor's opinion.

Keith Lea  
Fayetteville, AR

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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORTS

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Please continue to report the COT reports. Transparency is vital to investor and public faith in our markets. The suppression of the M3 reports has shaken my belief that our data and our markets are not "rigged". The concealment of the COT reports will further weaken my confidence in committing capital to US capital markets.

Please reconsider the suppression of information necessary for confidence in our markets.

Thank you.

**THESE ARE MY PERSONAL THOUGHTS – THEY ARE NOT RELATED TO MY EMPLOYER.**

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**From:** agml [agml@insightbb.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:55 PM

**To:** secretary

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**From:** Judith D. Ferrara [jdferrara@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:55 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

To whom it may concern:

I wish to voice my strenuous objection to the proposal on the part of the CFTC to eliminate the weekly COT report. This is one of the few government reports that actually provides useful information to investors and provides a level playing field for all investors large and small.

My question is this: Why would the CFTC even consider eliminating this report? It makes absolutely no sense to me!

PLEASE DO NOT ELIMINATE THIS REPORT!

Regards -

Judith D. Ferrara

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**From:** Charles Williams [williams123@epix.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:59 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT reports

I have heard there are rumors that the COT reports are likely to be discontinued. At a time when information is more available than at any other time in history there must be a good reason to discontinue it. What is the reason? I need this info as does my broker to make rational decisions when investing in commodities. Please don't cancel the COT reports. Charles W. Williams

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**From:** tomworth@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:59 PM  
**To:** secretary; secretary  
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526 Shorebird Circle #16103  
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**From:** Denise Canby [dcanby@rstarmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:47 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

Hello,

The below is all very interesting and compelling reasoning for keeping the COT report. However, from my perspective I use this report to gauge my trades in the QQQQ fund and I would greatly appreciate that it continue to be available. Thank you for your consideration and for making our trading system the world leader.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:32 PM  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:31 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Robert Riddell [robertriddell@optusnet.com.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:46 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

I understand the CFTC (Commodities Futures Trading Commission) has indicated that they may stop publishing the all important Commitment of Trader Report, pending input from the public.

As an individual trader, I along with many traders influenced by Larry Williams trading methods, rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

The COT has been cleverly built in to charting software, by Genesis, an American software company.

It provides an easily used indicator for analysing stocks & futures, and gives the American software company a distinctive advantage marketing it's software world wide.

It is very popular with students of Larry Williams a well known American trader and I know off many and growing number off fellow Australian traders who are purchasing this American software and relying on the easily accessible COT data and greatly appreciate the insight & transparency it provides for considered market decisions.

The COT Report is the only report that tells you where the commercial traders are putting the BIG money into the market. It lets you see where commercial investors believe the best opportunities are in relation to where the smaller investors are putting their money.

Many small speculative are beginning to trade the futures market and it would be a shame to remove the COT which helps assist this phenomenon to provide valuable market depth and liquidity.

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Yours Sincerely

Robert Riddell

Australian Share & Derivatives trader

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:27 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:25 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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The COT report information cut-off is a Tuesday, but is released on Friday. It would be more useful if the data were released on the same day as the cut-off.

A problem that needs clarification is with the hedge fund: it can be categorized as a Commercial trader without position limits by using an intermediary swap dealer.

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**From:** Ryan Neville [rfnevillebra@hotmail.com] : JUL 21 11:19 AM  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 3:22 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

To: [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov)

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**From:** John Pasbjerg [bigbjerg@hotmail.com]  
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**From:** Andrew and Sophie McKenna [mckennas@xtra.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Subject: COT Reports

2006 JUL 24 AM 10:45

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The COT report information cut-off is a Tuesday, but is released on Friday. It would be more useful if the data were released on the same day as the cut-off.

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Yours faithfully

Andrew McKenna.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** C.O.T. Report

2006 JUL 21 11:19:05

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To: Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary

From: John G. Smith

Subj: COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 2:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 1:42 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**To:** secretary

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 4:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:14 AM  
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**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Attachments:** "AVG certification"

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**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:03 PM  
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Tania MacNeil

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**Attachments:** "AVG certification"

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:30 PM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:32 PM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To: CFTC  
From: Yuen Shiu Ming  
Address: 59C, T6, The Belchers, Pokfulam, Hong Kong  
Date: 21 July 2006

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**From:** HERMOYNE PASBJERG [hermoynep@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:37 PM  
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**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** Don & Karen [rotorforce@bigpond.com]  
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**From:** Robert McGuire [hobie@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:01 PM  
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Sincerely

Robert McGuire

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**secretary**

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**From:** ROADSCHOLAR [ROADSCHOLAR@localaccess.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Curtis Sallee

**secretary**

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**From:** Patrick McMillan [patrick.mcmillan@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:57 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Do not stop the COT Report

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**secretary**

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**From:** CILUFFO [NINO@LIGHTLEAP.NET]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:04 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Stephan Marks [smarks@baumcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Cot Reports

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Regards

Stephan Marks

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** MAURIE COREY [whc15@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:36 AM  
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**From:** Aaron Tornell [tornell@econ.ucla.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** tornell@ucla.edu  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** randall roth [drroth@usa.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To Whom it may concern,

As a new trader, I rely heavily on various information and am anticipating future commodities trading. I would not even consider trading commodities without the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

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Randall Roth

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:21 AM

**To:** secretary

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**Cc:** GENESISHJM@YAHOO.COM  
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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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COT reports are somewhat dated when they come out but they still help me and my advisors make decisions. If you are looking for Comments, my request would be to increase the communication to daily reports rather than weekly. The short reports are nothing more than history lessons by the time they come out so please don't reduce or eliminate the COT reports.

Thank you for taking time to gather comments.

Randy Mitterling  
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Regards  
Corey Matters  
Perth, Western Australia

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**secretary**

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**From:** David E Steuck [desteuck@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:04 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Re : COT Report

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**To:** secretary  
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**From:** jin west [jinwest1956@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:45 PM  
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**Cc:** simontan\_sg@yahoo.com; irenesohkn@yahoo.com; dorisnyp@yahoo.com; mariatangc@hotmail.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:07 PM

**To:** secretary

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Raymond Farkas

10607 Las Lunitas Ave.

Tujunga, CA 91042

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**From:** john younger [johnryounger@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:13 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

SECRETARY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
COMMISSIONER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20540

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Sincerely,

Cassandra L. Ratliff  
Rowlett, TX

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**From:** Peter Moon [peter@roystonfund.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:15 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Jerry Salter [jerrysa2@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:15 PM  
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**Cc:** Jerry Salter  
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Jerry

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:20 PM

**To:** secretary

**Subject:** COT Report

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Coquitlam, BC  
Canada

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:19 PM

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**From:** STEVE PAYSAN [stevepaysen@worldnet.att.net] [mailto:stevepaysen@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:38 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

From: Steve Paysan  
11712 Ashley Drive  
Rockville, MD 20852  
stevepaysen@worldnet.att.net

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117 Virginia St. #3  
El Segundo, CA 90245

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1017 Bell Ave

Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060

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**From:** Paul Jeffares [jeffares@bigpond.net.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Kind Regards

Paul Jeffares

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT report

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COT OF THE SECRETARIAT

Dear sirs... I'm just a small trader, but I find the COT data to be very valuable to me, in that it tells me which side of the market the commercials are on, as they are an excellent indicator of market direction. Pls continue to furnis the data. Thanks.

Chuck Gordon

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Stephen Moleski  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:42 PM  
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Thanks for your consideration of these very important issues.

Richard Powers

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Richard Powers

**secretary**

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**From:** Carl Hoover [carl343434@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:44 PM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:45 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report - URGENT "SOS"

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:45 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** michaelmartin@spiritwolf.net  
**Subject:** COT Report

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individual investor

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**From:** Paul Fitzpatrick [paul@fitzies.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report ending

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:48 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** I need the COT report

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:51 PM  
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**From:** Frank Doss [frank.doss@sbcglobal.net]  
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**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
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Scott Ziegler

Individual investor

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Jacob Shallman [LuckyJake1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 6:24 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** the COT Report - very important

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Katrina Morgan  
2115 Natures Way  
Prince Frederick MD, 20678

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Mark C Sanders

P.O. Box 741064

Boynton Beach, Florida 33474

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:24 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** Larry Christopher  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To Whom it May Concern:

I am an individual who uses and relies upon the COT report to enhance my forex trading decisions. I understand that there is talk of eliminating the publication of the COT report. The loss of this valuable tool will be extremely detrimental to my efforts as a trader.

Please do NOT discontinue, delay, suspend, or otherwise disrupt the release of the COT report; it is a vital component of many traders' strategies.

There are enough opportunities to lose money in the spot forex market; I implore you to NOT interfere with one of the really useful tools we presently have, namely the COT report. I find it difficult to believe that the release of the COT report has any detrimental effect on the commercial traders... they rule the market, after all. Are they really so greedy that they are compelled to take this one small helpful crumb away from the small individual traders out here who rely on it?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and I sincerely hope that this issue will be resolved and that the COT reports will continue to be released with such form and substance as to continue to be a meaningful addition to individuals' trading strategies.

Sincerely,  
Jean Lake, a very concerned forex trader

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**From:** □□□□ [meitatsu@nifty.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 7:18 AM  
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Mit freundlichen Grüßen  
Dr. Frank Reinhardt

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**From:** J M [jmcalf2002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:03 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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From: YOU  
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Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary  
Commodity Trading Futures Commission  
Three Lafayette Center  
1155 21st Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20581

From: Wholesome Recreation Corporation

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:55 PM  
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**From:** Dieter Falke [d-mfalke@mail.isis.de]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:28 PM  
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Germany

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:57 PM  
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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:50 AM  
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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:47 AM  
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**From:** Darren Carlson [dcarlson@ccsdirect.net]  
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**To:** secretary  
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**From:** mrobbins-pianka@comcast.net  
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secretary@cftc.gov

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Martin Robbins-Pianka

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:16 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Kind regards

Armin Messerer  
Zelgstrasse 50  
CH-8137 Adliswil  
Switzerland

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**From:** Jackie Vining [jackiemccoovining@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Jacqueline M. Vining  
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204 East Brook Run Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23238

**secretary**

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**From:** David Palmer [david@palmerfx.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:10 AM  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:01 AM  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 12:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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Tiffin, OH 44883

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Sincerely, Wm T. Barnes of Noblesville, Indiana

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**From:** Jim Gabbard [jimg@siscom.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 8:08 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

James D. Gabbard III  
P.O. Box 122  
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Oregonia, Ohio 45054

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:58 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Best wishes  
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Arthur Barsegyan  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2006 4:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Christina Zang

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:27 PM  
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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:12 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** support@genesisft.com

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:51 PM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:06 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** A Andrew Connor [Accumulators@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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Al Connor  
902 Wilton Drive  
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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:08 PM  
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**From:** Ceballos Cabrillo, Federico de [federico.cebillos@unican.es]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 2:17 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:26 PM  
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**To:** secretary  
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**PO Box 51011**

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**From:** Peter Poon [peterpoon88@netvigator.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:57 AM  
**To:** sunny@mediaworld.com.hk; secretary  
**Subject:** Request the CFTC to continue to publish the COT Report

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**From:** david.vansandt@gmail.com on behalf of David Van Sandt [trader@perd.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 1:25 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** support@genesisft.com  
**Subject:** COT Report

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David R. Van Sandt  
5731 Autumn Woods Trail  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

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Ray Turnbull

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Australia

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:11 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Stephen Kutney [stephen\_kutney@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:18 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** Thijs Linssen [tlinssen@usa.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:20 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:23 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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So it is requested that you please reconsider this matter and do the needful.

with kind regards,

Saibaba Pamidi

[bobpamidi@yahoo.com](mailto:bobpamidi@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Sean Denniston [seandenniston@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 9:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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K.H.Mattimore

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**From:** Wayne Fleischer [wayne@concordetraders.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:47 PM  
**To:** secretary@cftc.gov.  
**Subject:** COT Reports

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**From:** jhedden [jhedden@zoominternet.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:44 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reportcomments

from: john hedden  
meadville, pa

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**From:** Paul & Nancy Ginman [paulginman@sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:07 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT reports

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:36 PM  
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The COT report information cut-off is a Tuesday, but is released on Friday. It would be more useful if the data were released on the same day as the cut-off.

A problem that needs clarification is with the hedge fund: it can be categorized as a Commercial trader without position limits by using an intermediary swap dealer.

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Regards,

Barry R Lacroix

**secretary**

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**From:** Darrel Weishaar [dweis@ncn.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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thanks for your time Darrel W

**secretary**

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 4:18 PM  
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**From:** Kit Vowles [kitco@charter.net]  
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Kit Vowles  
1482 E. 1850 So.  
St. George, Ut.  
84790

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**From:** sg [stevgrov@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:59 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Cc:** stevgrov1@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** COT Report

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stephen p grove

**secretary**

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**From:** Omar Hancock [ohancock@farmerstel.com]  
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**Subject:** COT Report

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Most sincerely,

Richard M. Smith, PhD  
402 Morning Dr  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

**secretary**

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**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
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**From:** walid [walid@moukarzel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 11:46 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** Grant Wilson [grant\_wilson@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 5:08 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov  
From: YOU  
Subj: COT Report

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**secretary**

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 5:09 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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Sincerely,

Daniel Kohlman  
Ballinaboula 1  
Dingle, Ireland  
35218

**secretary**

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**From:** Tony [tonyjhuang@optusnet.com.au]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:55 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Tony Huang

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**From:** LK [LKaufmann@highstream.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

Luke Kaufmann  
1368 High Site Dr. apt. #205  
Eagan, MN 55121

July 22, 2006

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Sincerely,  
Luke Kaufmann

7/24/2006

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Donald Morton  
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Edmonton, Canada.

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:48 AM  
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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:40 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Steve [mack1688@ptd.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:30 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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I use this every week-it is critical to my commodity trading business. Please keep publishing the Reports!  
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**From:** EvanAlaska@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 1:02 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Evan Cutler

PO Box 1276  
Girdwood, AK 99587

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**From:** Les Steinberg [LesSteinberg@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:38 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:09 AM  
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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2006 12:06 AM  
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Michael Schey  
4080 Paducah Drive  
San Diego, CA 92117

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:56 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** jason.t.plume@us.pwc.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:43 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov  
From: Jason Plume  
Subj: COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:40 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**From:** Shu Kuin [skho25@singnet.com.sg]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:37 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Yours faithfully,

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462 Corporation Road  
#08-03 Parc Vista  
Singapore 649816  
Republic of Singapore  
Tel : 65-65617509

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:34 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:32 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Ashley, Jason [jason.ashley@twcable.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:29 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

From: Jason Ashley  
Subj: COT Report

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 11:14 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

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**From:** S.Takahashi [shuji@ttp-l.dlenet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:10 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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SHUJI TAKAHASHI

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2006 10:02 PM  
**To:** secretary  
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1946 OVERLAND AVENUE  
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**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:25 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov  
From: Michael David Andrews  
Subj: COT Report

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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 10:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Karson E. Edgar [kedgar@tc3net.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:54 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**From:** Luke24.5 [luke24.5@sbcglobal.net]  
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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT REPORT

To: secretary@cftc.gov  
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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 9:02 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 8:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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From: YOU  
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**Subject:** COT report (Highly important)

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Yours sincerely,

Martin Pergam,  
GERMANY

7/24/2006

**secretary**

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**From:** Jürgen Wiedemann [juergen@tradersworld.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 7:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**Importance:** High

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Kind regards

Juergen Wiedemann

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Artur Matraszek  
1790 Hammock Blvd  
Coconut Creek FL 33063

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**From:** Michael Peil [mprem66@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 3:06 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Continue COT Data

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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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With best wishes

Tim Rayment

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United Kingdom

**secretary**

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**From:** Malcolm Buchanan [lavenir@iafrica.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2006 1:01 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** COT Report

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Malcolm Buchanan

**secretary**

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**From:** James Kidwiler [jkidwiler@earthlink.net]  
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**To:** secretary  
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[jkidwiler@earthlink.net](mailto:jkidwiler@earthlink.net)  
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**secretary**

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**From:** Dan Fitzpatrick [danfitz@adelphia.net]

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**To:** secretary

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**From:** Mark Widuch [mwiduch@cox.net]  
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**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** cot report

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 11:38 AM  
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**Subject:** COT Report

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:34 AM  
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Charles Darwin

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 5:20 AM  
**To:** secretary  
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**To:** secretary  
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Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 7:25 AM  
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Ralf Bohnet

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**From:** lohyn@melbpc.org.au  
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**To:** secretary  
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Dr Roman Lohyn

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Ronald W. Hawkins

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