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Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 10:41 PM
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Duane McCloskey

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Pullaro". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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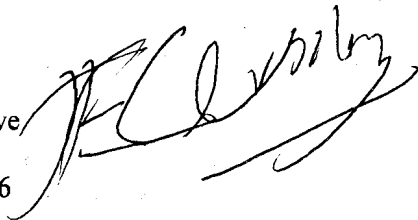
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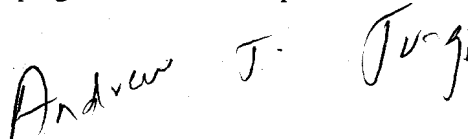
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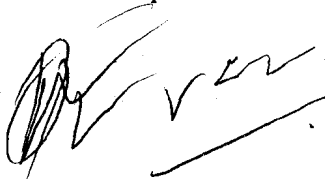
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Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 10:53 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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From: ELVolador69 [pilotoelguapo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 1:45 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: Mateo Niemi
Subj: COT Report

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Galveston, TX

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secretary

From: Rich Bandlow [woldnab@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 1:04 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

I am surprised and disappointed that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing COT data.

I urge you to continue publishing this data and if anything move to make it public in a more timely fashion.

Richard A. Bandlow

secretary

From: Ray [rwotton@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 10:50 AM
To: secretary
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Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 4:18 PM
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From: helo@up.net
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To: secretary
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To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: YOU
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Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 1:32 PM
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From: TOM HEWLING [tomhew2@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 12:52 PM
To: secretary
Cc: ralph hewling
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Avondale AZ 85323

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:18 PM
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From: mike kevil [flynavy@stx.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 11:56 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Weekly COT Data

Dear Sir, Maam,

I am writing to as a concerned investor and market trader. I rely on your weekly COT report. This data is part of a larger and bigger picture that is vital to the transparency of our financial markets. Removal of this data erodes my confidence and my ability to invest my to invest and trade in the US market.

Please count my 'voice' as a resounding DO NOT STOP PUBLISHING THE WEEKLY COT DATA!!!

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mike Kevil
Corpus Christi, TX
flynavy@stx.rr.com

secretary

From: Les Steinberg [LesSteinberg@adelphia.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 2:49 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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From: Randy Webb [randybump@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 10:44 PM

To: secretary

Subject: Halt of COTS Reports

I understand there is consideration being given to halting publication of the COTS reports. I implore you to abandon the idea as wrong. The information in the report provides an indication of the psychology behind the market. It provides the investor with a powerful tool permitting rationale decisions based on information, rather than making less informed decisions made in ignorance. Sunshine is a good thing.

Sincerely,
Randel A. Webb

secretary

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Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 10:22 PM
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secretary

From: arch olatunde [archo54@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 10:40 PM
To: secretary
Subject: THE COT REPORT

As an individual trader i rely on the COT report for making trading decisions.I sincerely hope you continue suppling this valuable information for all the serious traders worldwide. THANKYOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. ----- ARCH OLATUNDE

secretary

From: blake [blakeno@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 9:50 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT data continuity

Dear Secretary,

I was very disturbed to hear that there had been consideration of altering or ending publication of the "Commitment of Traders" report.

At this time, we need more transparency, not less. The COT information is very important to the markets. I consider it to be one of the most critical public sources of information available and vital to maintaining confident and orderly markets. I have no doubt that the distress to market participants that COT removal would cause would prove disruptive. Needless to say, I support continuation of the COT form, format and publication.

Thank you for soliciting public comment on this issue.

Regards,
Blake Noah

blakeno@hotmail.com

secretary

From: Ted Kravos [tedforex@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 9:41 PM

To: secretary

Subject: CFTC..... point #5

Dear Sir,

Cancellation of the COT report would make it more difficult for traders and make the market less transparent. I am against cancelling the COT report. Keep It.

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secretary

From: DEBBIE YAUDEGIS [yaude@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 8:59 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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Jeff Valentino

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secretary

From: David Mutch [dmutch@transact.bm]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 7:59 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

As an international investor, I believe continuation of the publication of the weekly Commitments of Traders Reports is vital to maintaining confidence in the transparency and integrity of the U.S. financial markets. Furthermore, I believe a three working day delay between the collection of the data on Tuesdays and its release on Fridays is unacceptably long in our so-called "information age". Please continue to publish the weekly reports with as short a delay as possible.

Sincerely,

David Mutch
Sandys, Bermuda.

Checked for viruses by Transact Bermuda

secretary

From: Chris Holm [chris@topsailcapital.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 7:21 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Commitment of Traders Data

Dear Secretary,

I find the weekly COT data extremely useful. Please continue to publish weekly data and keep the markets transparent for us all to see.
Thank you.

Chris Holm

secretary

From: Irene M Johnson [imjohnson@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 7:09 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT REPORT

THIS INFORMATION IS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL IN TRADING. PLEASE DO NOT DISCONTINUE PUBLISHING IT.

THANKS,
IRENE M JOHNSON

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From: RP Svoboda [rsvoboda@satx.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 5:12 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

The COT reporting program is an essential tool for a small investor to be able to see some of the hedges of the large and commercial traders.

Although the program is excellent, it would help to either remove the data delay entirely – or if that is not logistically feasible then it would be an improvement to shorten the delay to 3 days.

Thank you for your time.

Richard Svoboda
Private Investor

7/31/2006

secretary

From: Mark [markh@eon21.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 5:32 PM
To: secretary
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From: Charles Roberts [ccroberts1@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 4:55 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

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

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

From: Bill Brock [Bill.Brock@G2TCG.COM]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 3:12 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports: Ref. 71 FR 35627 (June 21, 2006)
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 12:00 AM
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Ms. Secretary

With regards to reports that The Commission is considering discontinuing publishing of the weekly Commitments of Traders ("COT") reports, We're sending this letter to register our objection to any action being taken to curtail, limit, or cease the availability of these reports. We consider this critical information for small investors to participate in the free market.

Sincerely

Bill Brock
21 Rena Av.
Hudson, NH 03051

secretary

From: mfeagin@zmrhal.com
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 3:50 PM
To: secretary
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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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Mary Feagin
Denver, Colorado

secretary

From: JD Cronski [dughoo@shaw.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:21 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT REPORT

Hello - removing your COT report suks big time - transparency? - what a joke.
Does it sound like I'm disappointed - no - I'm disgusted.....enjoy your paper money.
Regards, JD Cronski

secretary

From: Nooste@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 3:14 PM
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secretary

From: edeanmbacpa@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 3:13 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Not only should the COT report not be eliminated, but it should be reported more timely and possibly more frequently... This is critical data that permits the markets to operate more freely... I am sure institutional investors have a feel for this type information possibly but how about the little man--this levels the field a little for him/her.... Who is watching out for the little man...

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secretary

From: Del Wantland [lzpeace@cmsinter.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 6:09 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Dear Sirs.

I am a combat injured Vietnam veteran and have seen the continued eroding of accurate information to Americans. Now another threat to our freedom of info is the taking COT data away. Allow more timely reporting of COT data, don't do away with it.
Gilbert Wantland

7/28/2006

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From: Mcmillan, Patrick (Patrick)** CTR ** [pm6@lucent.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 4:49 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

I agree that some of the reporting may need to be refined, but I urge you not to discontinue this report. While I do not believe this information is able to be used for short term traders, it does allow smaller traders to get some idea what the true fundamentals of the market are by seeing what the commercial producers and consumers are doing. I do not think this hurts the commercial traders, and in fact, if the point of the futures markets is to allow the producers and consumers to pass their risk on to the public, then it is necessary to keep this report going because it keeps everybody honest. When I see a lot of bearish comments coming from brokers and analysts, yet the commercials are buying at higher and higher prices, I know what the true bias of the market is. An astute trade will be able to guess the commercial positions by combining public sentiment surveys and open interest studies anyway, so please just keep it straight forward for us.

Patrick McMillan

secretary

From: scotty bythelake [scottybythelake@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 10:35 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report - SAVE IT Please !!!

To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: Scott Wunderle
Subj: COT Report

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Respectfully,

scott :)

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From: Joseph S. Marciano [sebastian08@adelphia.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 8:00 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Joseph S. Marciano
458 Parkside Ave.
Buffalo, New York 14216
716-553-8486

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From: Global [global@globalcorretora.com.br]
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From: JD Cronski [dughoo@shaw.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:21 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT REPORT

Hello - removing your COT report suks big time - transparency? - what a joke.
Does it sound like I'm disappointed - no - I'm disgusted.....enjoy your paper money.
Regards, JD Cronski

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From: Roy Byrnes [rjbyrnes@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 8:51 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to advocate for a more timely reporting of COT data, not the elimination of it.

Thank you,
Roy J. Byrnes

secretary

From: SWANSON'S [tbay997@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 6:38 PM
To: secretary
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Larry Swanson

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Lois Robertson

secretary

From: Michael.Spence@monitormoney.com.au
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:58 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

I understand that the CTFC is reviewing the COT reports. This is an extremely valuable tool for traders like myself, and without it, I would be less inclined to trade as I do in the commodities market. I have no doubt that without this important tool, the liquidity of the markets covered by the COT report may be affected, and hence decrease the value and attractiveness of futures to the trading public.

I rely on the COT reports and regard them as my PRIMARY indicator for analysis of the markets. Please ensure that this important data continues to be accessible to the public. It represents the level of transparency required to give the commodities markets the level of credibility they require to attract traders like myself.

Thank you

Michael Spence
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Monitor Money Corporation
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Michael Agnello

secretary

From: Dave (GMail) [gtedfw@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:43 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT

CFTC:

For years and to this day and hopefully for years into the future I find the Commitment of Traders reports exceedingly helpful.

Free financial markets depend on free flow of information, and the COT reports are very useful information

Please insure that these reports continue.

Please insure that these reports continue on a consistent basis so that comparisons with prior years' data is meaningful and useful.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Dave Gillespie
gtedfw@gmail.com

Fort Worth, Texas

secretary

From: BCIWN@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:09 PM
To: secretary
Subject: commitments of traders

Don't stop publishing the trader commitments. Without them a foreign country could take over the financial markets.

secretary

From: K_Szymanski [szyman@ionsys.com]
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From: al@rjtrading.net
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:46 PM
To: secretary
Subject: suggestion on cot report

the best ideas we can come up with - for how to make cot better are the following

1. add another group for index funds ie - long only funds
2. require the commercial entities to tell you what longs or shorts they have on their books that are specs since the big hedge fund guys get around position limits this way have the commercials report as such.

do these 2 things all is solved and report is very meaningful.

call for further explanation!

thx
al hargest
813-949-0033

secretary

From: Mark Meyer [mgmeyer2@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:12 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Please continue publishing these reports. They are vital to the small investor/speculator. These reports are the key stone of market sentiment. Thank you

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secretary

From: Alan D Boyd CPA PC [alandboyd@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:13 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

As a professional involved in the energy markets, I want to express my high regard for the weekly COT reports. The information is needed in this industry and we would sorely miss these reports should you cease to publish them.

Alan D Boyd
Cyclone Capital Corp
Midland TX 79701

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From: J. Austin Scheibel [ashybull@adelphia.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 9:15 AM
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From: Bob Chandler [jrhandler4@adelphia.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 7:53 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Please Do Not hide the COT Data.

Respectfully,

Bob Chandler

secretary

From: Paul Daggett [paul@first-advisors.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:41 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Data

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently read that CFTC is considering changes in the Commitment of Traders report, and is even considering stopping publishing the weekly COT data altogether. I strongly urge you to continue the weekly reports. I consider the weekly data one of the single most important bits of market information I review on a weekly basis, and would be greatly disappointed if you elected to discontinue weekly publication. I consider transparency in the markets critical to maintaining confidence in the financial system, and also believe there is considerable value in retaining continuity in the COT data series.

Paul Daggett, Financial Advisor

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From: bill 'n carolyn [vze22dw3@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:51 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

as an individual trader, this data is one of the few sources that allows me to actually 'see' what is happening in the markets.

it is honest (collected by the government) rather than someone's opinion - possibly paid for/off? (see scandals surrounding recommendations surrounding the 'bubble' in the late 90's and into this century.

as for it's future form, it would be helpful if you could:

1 - publish data that is closer to the friday release date, rather than posting information as of the close of trading of the prior tuesday;

2 - even better, since the data could be collected electronically, publish the summary for the week together with daily changes. this would allow traders to measure position changes vs price changes more accurately, thus highlighting any anomalies.

thank you,
william b epter

secretary

From: william [weg536@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:00 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

CFTC Directors:

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.

William E. Goodman

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From: Fejer & Associates [fejer@fejerto.com]
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From: Gregg Dillingham [mephibosheth@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2006 3:26 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

To whom this may concern:

It has been made known to me that certain entities wish to do away with the COT reports. This simply cannot happen. In doing so, the livelihood of many, many traders will be destroyed. Keeping this vital information from the average Joe is not just criminal, it is an act of war against the public. If the powers-that-be think there will be no repercussions for this, then they are in for a most healthy enima. As for me, I am not particularly in the mood for civil war, but there are others who are and who have more guns. Cheers.

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secretary

From: Robinson, Douglas, Superior Court [drobinson@alameda.courts.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:17 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

We need more information not less. To continue with a so called Free Market its means we have timely information.

secretary

From: Robert Baran [pinebaran@bigpond.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 8:47 PM

To: secretary

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secretary

From: Paul Vallejo [tiggerpr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 12:43 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

To whom it may concern,

I am concerned about the elimination of government data. First M3 reporting has been eliminated. Now the COT report is slated to be eliminated?

Please maintain public access to information and keep publishing the COT report.

Thank you
Paul Vallejo

secretary

From: Ken Friesen [kfriesen23@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:29 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Sir:

I OBJECT to the proposal to eliminate the COT report. This is usefull information to all traders, particularly small traders. If any changes are made they should be to increase the frequency of reporting and to decrease the lag time to one day.

secretary

From: Brett Sinclair [sinclairb@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 11:14 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 6:05 PM
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secretary

From: joe joyce [joejoyce@jbnj.net]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 11:35 AM

To: secretary

Hello,

Concerning the publication of the Commitment of Traders Report. This type of transparency is vital to the confidence of investors in the financial system. I would hope the the reports continue and the historical continuity be maintained.

Thank You

Joseph Joyce

President

JBNJ Management Inc.

7/28/2006

secretary

From: Jeff Teza [jeff.teza@att.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 4:47 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports.

Dear Sirs,

Please continue to publish the COT report on a weekly or more frequent basis. This is critical information for the investment decisions that I make to support my family.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Teza

secretary

From: RD Adams [adamsrd@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 8:03 PM
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Robert D. Adams
Secretary/Treasurer

secretary

From: Stephen Belmont [oceanwriters@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 1:51 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

Dear Sir/Maam,

As and industry professional, I find the weekly COT reports to be an invaluable trading tool.

The proper functioning of free markets demands free flow of information to keep the playing field as level as possible.

Please do not cancel these critical reports. Indeed, every effort should be made to increase the frequency and number of updates. In today's computerized age, this should not be difficult.

Thank You,

Steve Belmont

secretary

From: LEnright@aol.com

Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 12:59 PM

To: secretary

Subject: The subject line MUST state, "COT reports." The deadline is Aug. 21, 2006.

Please do not eliminate information that I may use in the future for my investment decisions, in fact more information based on current economic climate would be my objective.

I have only been an investor for ten years and I have moments of clarity based on all my years of knowledge. Money flow, commodity prices and interest, Who is hedging, investors versus Whomever , contract size, long vs.short.

Thank you
Respectfully
Leo Enright
Grant, NY

secretary

From: robert [rts111@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 4:39 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Dear Sir,

You have asked for comments about your proposal to quit publicising COT reports or to do so less often. Mine are simple, these reports are my main tool for knowing what the big boys are up to in this country and any effort to hide them, also helps them in their efforts to mislead and manipulate the public without their knowing it. It is bad enough that the M3 is no longer available to the public at a time when electronic information has never been easier or cheaper to disburse and i consider the act suspicious, because we all know that the big boys can get it anytime they like. To add to that the COT is in my and all i have talked to opinion, beyond suspicious and entering the realm of ominous. Please DO NOT quit publishing the COT report, and dont publish it less frequently, the public needs and has a right to MORE not less timely information about what government and big business is doing behind our backs.

Sincerely concerned,
Robert Smith

secretary

From: Bob & Nancy Bies [rnbies@theedge.ca]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 1:48 PM
To: secretary
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secretary

From: Sam Schauer [samschauer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 11:12 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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Sincerely,
Sam Schauer

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secretary

From: Patrick M.C. Yu [shelley.liu@msa.hinet.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 11:05 AM
To: secretary
Subject: about COT

Dear Sir,

I'm living in Taiwan. I invest commodity in US future exchange, like CBOT, NYMEX...
I study CFTC's COT report weekly. COT report is a very good data for me.
I suggest the COT report should continue unabated and the historical continuity of the data should be maintained.

BR

Patrick Yu at Taipei, Taiwan

secretary

From: Laurent [laurent.phelippe@wanadoo.fr]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 1:00 AM
To: secretary
Subject: Cot report (please!!)

The Secretary, CFTC

I am disturbed to hear that the COT reports may be withdrawn. It is an important (and one of the few reliable) trading tools remaining. As if stopping the reporting of M3 by your nation isn't enough.

This is one more step in discouraging investor confidence in your country. Your freedom of information is becoming like the former communist Russia and China and your system is moving more and more towards favouring your homegrown, wealthy elitists.

If this goes ahead, I for one, will be withdrawing all my investments from the USA and will be encouraging all my colleagues to do the same.

Sincerely,

PHELIPPE Laurent

secretary

From: Randall VanDerAa [vanderaa@charter.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 12:07 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

From: Vanderaa@charter.net
Randall Van Der Aa

Subject: COT Reports

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. It is my #1 indicator for market direction on a 2-month horizon.

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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.

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Randy Van Der Aa
423-378-6900
1033 Riverside Ave.
Kingsport, TN 37660

secretary

From: Fred Yuengling [yuenfred@ptd.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 2:10 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

From: cnicolas96 [cnicolas96@laposte.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 8:55 AM
To: secretary
Subject: cot report

Mister secretary,

hello,

As a careful user of COT reports for many years, I inform you that I read on the web that you project to stop publishing this useful data.

if it's true, I consider it would be a great loss, at least for private investors.

More, it would add to opacity and confer an unfair advantage to big operators (who will have the means to reconstitute these data more easily than small ones).

on the contrary, I dare propose a suggestion : instead of stopping the publication, you should, improve it and provide more transparency to the market, which, according to your mandate, is one of your duties (if not the main) .

To achieve this objective, your reports 'd better include the spread data also for the commercial traders, as they currently include for the non-commercial traders only.

Opacity never benefits honest people, You are in place to fight against opacity, not to improve it... Isn't it simple and clear?

Respectfully,

Cet été, pensez aux cartes postales de laposte.net !

secretary

From: Peter Kordan [pontitrading@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 8:23 AM
To: secretary
Cc: PETER KORDAN
Subject: COT Report

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From: Laura Howe [overwro@bigpond.net.au]

Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 8:17 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Hello, I am all in favour of continuing the COT report.
Regards, Robert.

secretary

From: Richard Morgan [rh4@ntin.net]

Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 7:17 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

COT reports as well as M3 reports should be available daily, not weekly or monthly. Ordinary investors will be unable to invest with intelligence without this information. Additionally, the 'Freedom of Information Act' is being violated when these reports are not available or only available to Insiders.

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secretary

From: Rick and Debi Wyatt [goinhome@mtaonline.net]

Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 7:51 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on indicating that you may stop publishing the Commitment of Traders Report. Nothing quite like losing the good will of the American People. Feed their minds a steady diet of garbage and watch the brains rot in the future as the bodies do now.

Sincerely,

Rick Wyatt

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secretary

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-Jim Rusnock

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From: Sheila Roberts [sheilaroberts@homecall.co.uk]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 5:49 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

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secretary

From: OKraus6337@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 4:31 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Dear Sir or Madam,

as an European I appreciate the Commitments' report due to its intention to provide the public with useful information regarding futures and option markets. Unfortunately in Europe the public does not have such information. The COT report is a very fair and helpful achievement that is deeply rooted within the American self-conception. Therefore it is more than a very useful information for the public. It is an attitude.

I do agree that recent trading vehicles have changed quite a bit and the challenge is to arrange that with your efforts to maintain an information system that reflects changing market conditions.

The question is how to react to that:

- to do nothing? (You already started to change sth.),
- to stop reporting? (That would be the very wrong answer),
- to modify reporting? (Not to surrender would be the right and very American answer because it is a central feature of market transaction to evolve in time and adaption is possible)

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Thank you for providing this service and please preserve this institution and its intention.

Best Regards

Oliver Kraus

Munich, Germany

secretary

From: David Newsom [dapipmachine@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 3:02 AM
To: secretary
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From: juergen_lutz@email.de
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 2:00 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report
Attachments: Jürgen Lutz.vcf

To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: Jürgen Lutz
Subj: COT Report

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Best regards from Germany

Jürgen Lutz

secretary

From: OLUMUYIWA OJO [jobiidin@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 9:17 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am taking this time to weigh in on your review of the COT reports.
Please keep the reports coming as it is a good aid to trade by.

Please consider releasing the report on Tuesdays instead of Fridays,
in order to make it more timely and more useful for us.

Yours Faithfully,
Olumuyiwa Ojo
JaloloX2 Inc.

secretary

From: Mark Widuch [mwiduch@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 6:40 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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secretary

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Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 5:59 PM
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Subject: COT Report

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From: JOHN PRICE [PRICEJOHN@SUSCOM.NET]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 7:37 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Dear Ms. Donovan:

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Regards,

John D. Price

7/31/2006

secretary

From: JohnErv@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 3:46 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT

CFTC,

as a taxpayer I request you keep the COT Data portion of your data collecting.

John Erving

secretary

From: Lee Swinford [lswinford@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 5:27 PM
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PLEASE DO NOT END THE COT REPORT

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Bob

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Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 3:12 PM
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From: Mary Person [mperson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 2:06 PM
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Ken Akers

secretary

From: IanJRBlack@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 1:47 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Re COT data.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to add my name to those who are requesting that the COT data continue to be published on a weekly basis. I feel that the transparency the COT provides, maintains confidence in the financial system. They should continue unabated and the historical continuity of the data should be maintained.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Black.

secretary

From: Carolyn Baker [drumbaker@zianet.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 12:32 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT REPORT

Please email me this report. Thank you.

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Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 11:32 AM
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secretary

From: Mel Ruttan (O) [mru^{ttan}@idirect.com]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:33 PM

To: secretary

Subject: weekly COT report

It is important to continue this report to maintain confidence in the financial markets and to provide continuity in the historical data.

Mel Ruttan

secretary

From: DMO Mail Box
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:46 PM
To: secretary
Subject: FW: possible discontinuation of C.O.T. Report

From: Dan Street [mailto:baladan88@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2006 4:27 PM
To: DMO Mail Box
Subject: possible discontinuation of C.O.T. Report

Please do not discontinue the C.O.T reports , I use them every Friaday and consult them throughout the week. I appreciate the efforts put out for its release and I need them to make sound decisions- they really help.

I'll take the opportunity to thank you for the excellent service and ask that it not be Discontinued.
Thank You Thank You Thank You Dan.Stonge

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secretary

From: Julien [juju.007@wanadoo.fr]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 7:07 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT data

Mister secretary,

hello,

As a careful user of COT reports for many years, I inform you that I red on the web that you project to stop publishing this useful datas.

if it's true, I consider it would be a great loss, at least for private investors.

More, it would add to opacity and confer an unfair advantage to big operators (who will have the means to reconstitute these datas more easily than small ones).

on the contrary, I dare propose a suggestion : instead of stopping the publication, you should, improve it and provide more transparancy to the market, wich, according to your mandate, is one of your duties (if not the main) .

To achieve this objective, your reports 'd better include the spread data also for the commercial traders, as they currently include for the non-commercial traders only.

Opacity never benefit to honest people, You are in place to fight against opacity, not to improve it... Isn't it simple and clear?

Respectfully,

francois.sabre@wanadoo.fr

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From: Mathieu boutteçon [mbouts@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:53 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT REPORT

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The Secretary, CFTC

I am disturbed to hear that the COT reports may be withdrawn. It is an important (and one of the few reliable) trading tools remaining. As if stopping the reporting of M3 by your nation isn't enough.

This is one more step in discouraging investor confidence in your country. Your freedom of information is becoming like the former communist Russia and China and your system is moving more and more towards favouring your homegrown, wealthy elitists.

If this goes ahead, I for one, will be withdrawing all my investments from the USA and will be encouraging all my colleagues to do the same.

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Sincerely,

secretary

From: Walter Ryan [waltryan@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 4:10 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

Sir/Madam:

I am actively involved in the trading of commodities. I am in complete disagreement with the latest proposal to quit publishing information on the Commitment of Traders (COT) reports.

The reports are a very useful source of information for those of us who are trying to follow and make sense of the serious interventions and distortions taking place in these markets.

The large brokers and financial houses are abusing these markets on a daily basis and sadly, those charged with regulation and orderly supervision, are sitting on their hands while the market abusers ride the commodities up and down like a yo-yo, making money on both sides of the trades.

It is clear to even the most casual market observer that there is large, unwarranted shorting at or near specific market opening and closing times. There is almost always no significant news that would contribute to drive the price down. In most cases, the size of the short positions are many multiples of the total worldwide supply.

These same manipulators then quickly repurchase the same commodities in large positions to ride them up when their first illegal ploy forces lower prices. This is done to trigger the program traders to abandon their machine generated price points on either side of the trade and accelerate the volatility.

This is a manipulated market, not a free one with supply and demand setting the price of the commodity. The COT reports help us to mitigate the adverse effect of the regulators lack of attention to their duties and the prostitution of the trust placed in them.

It was an equally bad and crippling decision the Fed made to stop publishing the M3 reports. We no longer have a reliable way to measure inflation caused by the government's printing presses running amok at Treasury.

Please do not allow the Commission to uncaringly take away this remaining tool from those small traders who are trying to make an honest living in the commodities market using our brain, logic and intuition, not illegal, collusive brute force.

Walter R. Ryan, Jr.
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425-746-2244
waltryan@earthlink.net

secretary

From: Joseph Weiler [jw93101@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 2:07 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

July 28, 2006

Gentlemen : I understand the CFTC is considering the elimination of COT reports. I urge you to reconsider, as this would be a terrible mistake. These reports are essential for all futures traders. Markets need more transparency , rather than less. Thanking you in advance for your correct decision to continue publishing the COT reports.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Weiler

Santa Barbara, CA

secretary

From: Ken Goldberg [ken@tradewithwaves.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 2:09 PM
To: secretary
Cc: 'Bob Prechter'; shochberb@elliottwave.com
Subject: COT

To whom it may concern:

It's imperative that the COT data be maintained to allow the transparency of and confidence in the markets as we know them. The Fed's elimination of M3 data (hiding their liquidity operations) was bad enough, so don't add insult to injury by removing a useful tool to traders (whom you serve).

Thank you for allowing the public to have input in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ken Goldberg

secretary

From: RobNagrom@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:05 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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.

secretary

From: chris jefferson [cjice99@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 10:34 PM
To: secretary
Subject: cot reports

please keep these reports open to the public

peace

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From: Rick Mullen [rdmullen@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 2:34 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.

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Sincerely,

Rick Mullen

C: 310-457-7502

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From: Susan Llarena [susanllarena@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 2:41 PM
To: secretary
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From: MARJORIE GUBBINI [bc515crs@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 7:05 AM
To: secretary
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From: Derek Morgan [jorjamel@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 4:02 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Retention of CFTC Report

This data is essential to maintaining transparency and continued confidence in the markets. This information is important to the market place and should continue, along with maintaining the related historical data.

Regards,

Derek Morgan
Principal
Jorjamel Investments

secretary

From: tes [tes@silcom.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 4:00 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

Dear Secretary,

It has been reported that the CFTC is considering discontinuing the COT (Commitment Of Traders) reports. As a small, independent trader for many years, the COT report is the only visibility available to see what the underlying currents in the markets are composed of. This is particularly true for large speculators (Hedge Funds) that are currently not required to register & are essentially unregulated!

Your COT reports are extremely valuable for traders to obtain some idea about market sentiment & the transparency of your reports is the last bastion of confidence in the open markets that remains!

Please reconsider the termination of this source of information & financial transparency as traders like me rely on your reports to aid us in making all of our financial decisions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ted Shrode, Ph.D.
Santa Barbara, CA

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secretary

From: Jacky De Backer [jdebacker@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 3:59 PM
To: secretary
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secretary

From: Gilles Everling [GEverling.MBA2002@london.edu]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 11:25 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

Hello,

Please find below my answers to selected questions from your list:

4. The Commission should definitely continue to publish the COT reports.
5. If the Commission decides to include additional categories of data, it is important to make sure that the currently published data, and the whole data history, continue to be available.

In general, the COT reports are a key instrument in assuring a minimum level of transparency in commodity markets, and therefore support the efficiency and well-functioning of these markets.

Yours sincerely,

Gilles Everling

secretary

From: michael brown [mabrowns@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 4:15 PM
To: secretary
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Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 2:14 PM
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secretary

From: Evelyn Richter [evelynr@desertgate.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 8:38 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Please DO NOT stop the publication of Commitments of Traders.

secretary

From: MICHELLE NOVAL [noval1@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 7:52 PM
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