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From:Paul Pernette [att2@rogers.com]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 1:11 PMTo:secretarySubject:cot report

SAVE THE COT REPORT!

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.

To save the COT Report they need to hear from you by no later than August 20, 2006.

Please send the following letter to them (feel free to add anything to this letter that you feel is appropriate).

- Email the letter to: secretary@cftc.gov
- The Subject Line MUST state COT Report
- August 20, 2006 is the deadline to send your email

To: secretary@cftc.gov From: YOU Subj: COT Report

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thankyou in advance

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8952 W Stanford Ave., Denver, Co. 80123

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To: secretary

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From: David Vancelette [dlv2020@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2006 8:44 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

Dear Madam Secretary,

As an individual trader, I rely HEAVILY on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. This is my #1 tool in determining my trading strategy. If you do away with this report, I will stop trading which, I'm sure, is what the Commercials want you to do.

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From:Fam Collee [fam.collee@casema.nl]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 4:46 PMTo:secretarySubject:cot report

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best regards kees collee the netherlands

From:Scott [Sit-N-Spin@si.rr.com]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 6:09 PMTo:secretarySubject:COT Report

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Scott Smith

38 Covington Circle

Staten Island, New York 10312

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Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 5:09 PM
То:	secretary
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From: Sent: To: Subject: Hank King [kinghenry@day-trades.com] Thursday, August 03, 2006 5:26 PM secretary COT

Please keep the COT reports. We need them. Thank you

Risk Disclosure: Trading involves substantial risk and is not suitable for everyone and only risk capital should be used. Margins are subject to change. Past performance is not indicative of futures results. Any investor could potentially lose more than originally invested

Sincerely,

Hank King

Asset Manager Specialist

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From:	Rob Potter [mauizowi@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 8:32 PM
То:	secretary
Subject:	COT Report

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Robert Potter

From:Cook [kennercook@cox.net]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 9:02 PMTo:secretarySubject:COT reports

Do not change the current reporting schedule for the COT OR how it is compiled. S Cook

From:	Doug Kerry [doug@dkerry.com]
Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 10:02 PM
То:	secretary
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--Doug

Doug Kerry 57 Rocky Knob Lane Nederland, CO 80466

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Erwin Paul Schaffran

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Goodyear, AZ 85338

From:DMO Mail BoxSent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 4:22 PMTo:secretarySubject:FW: Please do not stop reporting Commitment of Traders Report (COT)

From: JAMES SCHNEIDER [mailto:wildlifepatron@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2006 2:22 PM
To: DMO Mail Box
Subject: Please do not stop reporting Commitment of Traders Report (COT)

Dear CFTC:

Please do not stop reporting (on a timely basis) the reporting of the Commitment of Traders Report (COT) from futures trading.

As a small trader (about 500 contracts per year), I would be severely disadvantaged if the COT was not reported timely/publicly. If I and the other over 10,000 small traders like myself abandon futures trading, since we would lack this valuable investment tool, and only large traders would have or surmise the information, the liquidity of the markets would be dramatically reduced.

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From:	Valdi Thorkelsson [trader@rsofhouston.com]
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***National City made the following annotations

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From:	Thomas Shakespeare [ecoshake23@mac.com]
Sent:	Wednesday, August 02, 2006 7:17 PM
To:	secretary
Subject:	COT REPORTS

Cots would be more use if they were issued on a daily bases. As it is having to wait to friday to find out what was happening on tuesday is hardly on the ball. I have been resident in USA since 1973 and have seen more and more erosion of info. Europe is puting out more and more useable reports while here at home in USA we are making it more and more difficult to play in the world markets. We are on the leading edge lets give Americans a chance to stay there . sincerely Thomas Shakespeare.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Ed Ogden [somboed@comcast.net] Wednesday, July 19, 2006 10:04 AM secretary COT Reports

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Dear Eileen Donovan:

I have just heard that the CFTC is considering NOT publishing the COT reports for the general public. I am a futures and FOREX trader and rely heavily upon the COT reports for my trading decisions. It has been published for many years and provides much needed credibility in the form of transparency for the trading public.

In light of the recent financial scandals and current volatility in the energy market, it is my opinion that all financial markets need as much disclosure and transparency as possible, to remain credible to the domestic and international traders and institutions.

I urge you to continue publishing the COT reports for the general public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ed Ogden

"The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history." -- Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher 1770-1831

From:	Debby Wetmore [debbyjw@telus.net]
Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 10:56 AM
To:	secretary
Subject:	COT Report

Dear Secretary,

I am an individual trader and I regularly use the COT report to assist me in making trading decisions. This data is very important to me.

PLEASE DO NOT DISCONTINUE THIS REPORT.

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To: secretary@cftc.gov From: YOU Subj: COT Report

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From:Bill Oliver [bill_muar-personal@yahoo.com.au]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 12:09 PMTo:secretarySubject:COT Report

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

Dear Mrs/Miss Donovan,

To me as an individual trader, the COT report is an extremely valuable piece of information.

You asked for feedback re: use of COT Report.

Candidly, I am horrified that CFTC is threatening to withdraw the service that I undersand half a million people used last year.

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I understand that it's also been the subject of 35+ studies and a couple of best sellers.

I thought that CFTC was supposed to be demanding MORE transparency - NOT LESS. Removing this report would allow way more manipulation.

Also, the hedger data needs to be addressed. I am sure that those with far more knowlege than I, have talked to you about it. Please kindly embrace these changes.

IN CONCLUSION: Please keep up the excellent work by continuing to publish the COT and making markets transparent.

Warmest Regards

Bill Oliver - Australian Trader

From:	Millie Vetterlein [mvetr@centurytel.net]
Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 12:45 PM
To:	secretary
Subject:	COT

We want to have access to information and are alarmed at yet another attempt to cut off such access.

M3, and now COT reports are being phased out for no good reason. We deplore this and want COT trading to be transparent .

Do not change the present format. We are watching to see the result of public response.

Millicent Vetterlein

7/28/2006

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Sherley Dregory 2296 Coloma Rd Benton Harbor Me 49022

From:	Bryan Allen [ba_sailsouth@hotmail.com]
Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 8:45 AM
To:	secretary
Subject:	COT Reports

The COT Reports should be revised and improved, not hidden. I have come to rely on the reports and it makes my blood boil to to think doing away with them would even be considered.

sincerely, B. A.

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From:	John [jonjohn444@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Thursday, August 03, 2006 9:24 AM
To:	secretary
Subject:	COT reports

Please keep giving these reports.

Suggestion: Double the reports by giving both reports on tuesdays as well as fridays instead of just the Open Interest on tuesdays and COT for futures and COT for futures and options on fridays. Thank you John Hall

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John R. & Betty Watkins 57837 70th Street Hartford, MI 49057

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From:PANDU TADOORI [paindocprt@hotmail.com]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 5:20 AMTo:secretarySubject:COT Report

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From:Rolf Edberg [rolfe@algonet.se]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 3:30 AMTo:secretarySubject:COT Report

Eileen,

Since the only group that benefits from taking the COT-report away is the Commercials it will look like they have directed you to.

Regards

Rolf Edberg

From:Derek P [derek77@comcast.net]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 7:53 AMTo:secretarySubject:COT reports

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From:Linda Davison [jidavi@earthlink.net]Sent:Thursday, August 03, 2006 12:24 AMTo:secretarySubject:cot data

Linda Davison <u>ildavi@earthlink.net</u> EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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Eliminate COT data you can't br serious!!!

Jay and Linda Davison

Baker, Montana

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