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

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 Absent historical reference, the report becomes nearly unintelligible.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. So, if something could be done about this the data would be even more useful to everyone that is using this valuable report.

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.

David Evans
 Individual Futures Trader

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