

COMMODITY MARKETS OVERSIGHT COALITION

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The Honorable Gary Gensler
Chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

Dear Chairman Gensler:

The undersigned organizations would like to commend you and your fellow Commissioners for conducting hearings into the need for positions limits and to examine the exemption for *bona-fide* hedgers. These hearings provide a strong sign of the Commission's renewed commitment to greater transparency, accountability and oversight to commodity markets. Moreover, we hope that the testimony submitted will help the agency repair an erosion of public confidence in these markets that has resulted from instances of manipulation, extreme price volatility and excessive speculation.

We understand that, in order to implement new regulatory reforms with respect to these issues, additional information must be collected and a formal rulemaking process must be initiated. Please know that our organizations stand ready to assist in any manner we can as the Commission moves forward.

While we believe that the Commission has the necessary authority to improve transparency through increased reporting and recordkeeping and the authority to establish aggregate position limits, we believe that the Commission may will require additional authorities from Congress in order to better regulate and monitor the commodity markets, especially currently "opaque" trading activity. Attached you will find a letter sent today to Congressional leaders supporting your efforts, addressing some arguments being made by opponents of reform, and urging Congress to work swiftly to pass new legislation giving the Commission additional tools needed to prevent excessive speculation, and to ensure a fair and orderly market. That said, we recommend that you utilize all existing and future authorities to aggressively regulate these markets.

Again, thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
Air Transport Association
American Trucking Associations
California Independent Oil Marketers Association
Consumer Federation of America
Consumer Watchdog
Food & Water Watch
Florida Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Friends of the Earth US
Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey

Gasoline and Automotive Services Dealers of America
Grassroots International
Illinois Association of Convenience Stores
Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association
Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association
Independent Oil Marketers Association of New England
Industrial Energy Consumers of America
The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Louisiana Oil Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Maine Oil Dealers Association
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Massachusetts Oilheat Council
Michigan Petroleum Association
Michigan Association of Convenience Stores
Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors' Association
Missionary Oblates
Municipal Gas Systems of Oklahoma
National Association of Truck Stop Operators
National Family Farm Coalition
National Farmers Union
National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
New England Fuel Institute
New Jersey Citizen Action Oil Group
New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association
New York Oil Heating Association
Ohio Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Oilheat Council of New Hampshire
Oil Heat Institute of Long Island
Oil Heat Institute of Rhode Island
The Organization for Competitive Markets
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores of Iowa
Propane Gas Association of New England
Public Citizen
Public Power Association of New Jersey
R-CALF USA
Tennessee Oil Marketers Association
United Egg Producers
Utah Petroleum Marketers and Retailers Association
Western Peanut Growers
Vermont Fuel Dealers Association

cc: The Honorable Michael Dunn, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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The Honorable Bart Chilton, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission