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COMMENT

Dear Chairman Gensler

I'm Mark McREED and
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I wanted to say a few things
about the silver market. After
I saw the price ~~SECRETARIAT~~ the first
week, that much, that fast,
strange. The same thing happen-
ed the second week and you
did nothing to control this
major drop, that's very unus-
ual. This was not true price
discovery it was manipulation.

The series of margin increases by the CME Group added downward pressure to the silver market, I believe. The CME Group raised silver margins to help its important members, J.P. Morgan and other large banks in the short position. The CME Group should have this function of setting margins taken away from them.
Because of the large amount
(over)

of trading being performed by HFT computer bots. there was little true liquidity present. Why are these traders allowed to exist and control so high a share of silver trading?

Since the CFTC is aware of the impact the short selling of shares in the big silver ETF, SLV has had on the price of silver, have you had this matter referred to the SEC or taken it up with Black Rock, the trust's sponsor?

The CME Group should never be allowed to set margins on anything. I'm still hoping position limits are set at 1500 contracts to terminate J.P. Morgan's silver manipulation.

Sincerely,
Mark McCauley