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Comments:

For most investors, commodities speculation is a high risk activity. Such investments would not be prudent for banks unless they are able to manipulate the price through the sheer volume they control.

As you consider taking action against bank ownership of commodities, please think about whether allowing banks to own commodities yields any public benefit at all. Consider whether it is in the public interest to allow artificially high prices to enhance profits by banks that control immense amounts of 3rd party funding.

There can be no doubt that most of us were harmed by risky investment practices engaged in by the banks after regulations allowed financial institutions to be more aggressive - to speculate on food, fuel, and other goods essential to the American people, to my family. By allowing banks to abandon traditional conservative behavior that persisted through then eighties. Return to banking regulation that eliminates their ability to distort the market for those goods, manipulating prices in an already tough economy.

We cannot afford to allow such speculation to expose banks - and our financial system - to unnecessary and reckless risks. The public should not be expected to also guarantee banking losses as it did so recently when the mortgage bubble burst.

I don't believe any of us begrudge our banks a reasonable profit. But those profits should be more in line with the traditional role of banks. I do not believe I should pay twice for their recklessness and greed.

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