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ST A CUTTING W REFORM

The House Appropriations Committee has proposed legislation that would cut **12%** from the President's budget request for the **Securities** and Exchange Commission (SEC) and 41% from the request for the **Commodity Futures Trading Commission** (CFTC) for Fiscal Year 2013. That is a combined reduction of **\$323 million**.

These cuts would undermine the enforcement of Wall Street reform.

WHAT THE SEC AND CFTC DO



The SEC and the CFTC are oversight agencies that help keep financial markets competitive and secure.

The SEC

The **SEC** protects more than 90 million investors who own mutual funds and helps regulate the more-than-\$50 **trillion** U.S. market in stocks and bonds.

The CFTC

The **CFTC** oversees the U.S. derivatives market, which includes \$300 trillion in swaps and \$40 trillion in futures.^a

THE CUTS IN CONTEXT



SEC FY2013 REQUEST **\$1.6b**



...and another **\$128 million** from the President's CFTC budget request.



ABOUT 900 SEC EMPLOYEES LESS THAN THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED^b

1,600 workers^bat the agencies.

SEC FY2013 PROJECTED RECEIPTS FROM FEES **\$1.6b**

This is in spite of the fact that the SEC pays for itself, largely through fees on trading volumes.

Moreover, these cuts are less than .002% of the total household wealth lost during the financial crisis.

> **Proposed cuts** \$323 million

Household wealth lost, 2007 - 2009^c \$19 trillion

NOTES and **SOURCES**

- (a) Notional amount outstanding.
- (b) Based on average salary and benefits for the SEC and CFTC requested for 2013.
- (c) Difference in household net worth from peak (2007 Q2) to trough (2009 Q1). Inflation-adjusted 2011 dollars.

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