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"The mission of the Securities and Exchange Commission is to protect investors..." I read this statement on the SEC website. Today in the news I read about more rampant short selling driving the prices of stocks down. "Short sellers also dragged on the market, analysts said." "Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners LLC in New York, agreed that short selling is driving the market and that the drubbing is keeping away investors who would be attracted by prices of beaten down stocks."

I am one of those investors keeping away, because it is impossible to tell who the shortsellers will attack next. I understand that you STILL have not reinstated the Uptick Rule. This market is no longer a market, it is a casino. I understand you have toughened the rules against naked short selling. Are you actually enforcing them? If you were not enforcing them before, which is obvious that you were not, why should we believe that you are now? What is it going to take to get the uptick rule back in place? How much more damage needs to be done? How long are you going to let these people make millions while destroying companies, markets, retirements, and life savings. We are spending hundreds of billions of dollars that we do not have to try to fix the problem, yet you continue to let the market run like a casino. Is there any wonder that there is no trust in the government any more? I am absolutely baffled that you continue to allow this activity.

If you are truly serious about protecting investors as you claim, then enforce the rules against naked short selling and reinstate the uptick rule, and do it NOW. If you really want to do the right thing, ban short selling all together. It serves absolutely no good purpose. The fundamental purpose for investing in a company is to provide them capital, and in exchange hope to share in their profits. Shorting does the exact opposite. It has no good purpose and no place in the markets. When I start to see the SEC ban short selling, then I'll start to believe that you are concerned about protecting the investors. Until then, don't expect anyone to take your words seriously. Remember the saying, "Your actions (or lack thereof) speak so loud I can't hear a word you are saying"