Are you crazy? Please, think again--for once can we please let stupid be stupid? Just because some people might trade options irresponsibly, and thus gamble away their hard-earned money, doesn't mean that Big Government needs to step in and ban the practice for everyone else in the name of protecting people. That is what you call overstepping. I use options to grow wealth as well as to protect my assets in my retirement accounts. I follow the rules. I do things carefully and responsibly. And you want to take that freedom away from me...why? Is this yet another ploy by special interests to make us give up and hand over the management of our money to wall street brokerages?

This is like taking car keys away from everybody because one idiot decides to drive drunk.

It may be the government's job to protect us from foreign adversaries, but it is not the government's job to protect us from ourselves. Leave options alone. And for that matter, leave our healthcare alone too. Maybe if you did that, you wouldn't care so much about trans-fats and sugary soda drinks too.