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2 there. Like I said, the train can go
3 either way, north or south.

4 I think I covered it all. Anybody
5 got any questions?

6 MR. WAITE: I'd just like to remind
7 you, when you come to the podium to
8 announce your name and if you're
9 affiliated with an organization, please
10 let us know.

11 Next is George Sherman.

12 TZ-032T MR. SHERMAN: My name is George
13 Sherman. I'm President of Concerned
14 Citizens for Responsible Development, and
15 we are associate members of GUARD.

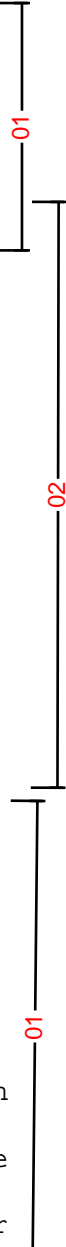
16 I'll keep my comments brief this
17 evening because I will be submitting our
18 concerns in writing in the next couple of
19 weeks. There's just one area that I
20 really would like to deal with, I don't
21 know if it's been dealt with in the
22 previous scoping meetings, I've been
23 talking about it for years now at all the
24 meetings with the New York State Thruway,
25 ever since Governor Pataki announced his

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desire to have a new bridge, and that is the quality of air that we all breathe, and not just those people who are down at the bridge or live within a few hundred yards of the -- of the 87/287. Pollution spreads out over a great distance. This area is, and has been for many years, grossly out of compliance with clean air standards. I fear any expansion of the bridge will only bring more and more and more pollution. Not only air pollution, but also noise pollution. I know the Thruway probably is in no position to clean the air. That's a -- that's a -- that's a issue of great concern, and I don't think they could do that. What we hope they won't do is add to it.

Also, we think what is very important is that studies be conducted along this corridor to determine the degree of illness and disease. Epidemiological studies. It's not enough just to know that we're out of compliance and that the air contains a lot of cancer



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producing toxins, it's important to know what it does to us. And I don't think that is on the Thruway's agenda or on the scoping agenda. And I would urge you to give that some consideration. And in lieu of that, if they cannot or won't do it, to perhaps allow and to help certain responsible organizations to hire their own consultants, so that we are able to do it. And I think in the public interest that is critical.

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I thank you very much for your time.

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MR. WAITE: I'd like to call Marvin

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Baum up to the podium.

16 TZ-033T

MR. BAUM: Hello. My name is Marvin

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Baum. I'm a resident of the Mountainview

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Condominiums in Valley Cottage. I'm on

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the Board of Managers of the condominium,

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and I have first a comment as being a

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member of the Board of Managers.

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One of the problems regarding the

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uncertainties of the situation -- we

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don't know what kind of bridge we're going

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to have -- it has delayed decisions on