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2 would really be a partnership with the
3 people of Rockland County.

4 I thank you for extending to me the
5 courtesy of the floor and look forward to
6 working with all of the stakeholders to
7 make sure that this process turns out
8 right for the people of Rockland County
9 and the entire Hudson Valley.

10 I thank you for your time.

11 MR. WAITE: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Wendy
13 Caesar-Dare.

14 TZ-051T MS. CAESAR-DARE: Well, I could make
15 this real short and just point to Ryan and
16 say what he said. I had thoughts very
17 much along those lines.

18 I've been in this area, in Chestnut
19 Ridge, for about 15 years and of course
20 watched the traffic increase. And from
21 the way Rockland County is growing, we can
22 probably count on an increase in traffic
23 no matter what we do in the way of mass
24 transit. It's just everything's growing
25 around here. There's going to be more and

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I would like to put in a good word for a tunnel, if indeed there does have to be another crossing of the River here.

A few years ago I went on a garden tour in Nyack, and one of those little fortunate houses happened to be right virtually below the span of the bridge. Beautiful spot. Obviously been there for quite awhile, long before the bridge; bold, shady trees, visually lovely, but of course if you wanted to converse, you had to shout because of the roar of the traffic. And that roar follows you south of the bridge for miles. Now just think of two bridges there. I just can't imagine that anyone could bear that kind of pollution of the ear and eye and, of course, the air pollution as well. So looking at it environmentally, I'd like to put in a good word for a tunnel, with, of course, mass transit of the rail kind as part of it.

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Every measure possible should be

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2 done to encourage mass transit, the use of
3 that. Perhaps some day we will have a
4 railroad connection here from Spring
5 Valley into New York or across to
6 Westchester, but everything in that line
7 should be considered and encouraged.

8 Environmentally, again, looking at
9 the people who have to live with this,
10 with the bridge now and whatever else
11 comes, on either side of the River, a
12 tunnel would certainly be the most people
13 friendly device for them and for the
14 environment. So my vote's for a tunnel.

15 Thank you very much.

16 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Could you say
17 your name one more time.

18 MS. CAESAR-DARE: My name is Wendy
19 Caesar-Dare.

20 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Could you spell
21 your last name, please.

22 MS. CAESAR-DARE:
23 C-A-E-S-A-R-D-A-R-E.

24 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Thank you.

25 MR. WAITE: Thank you.