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2 transportation improvements in Orange  
3 County.

4 Thank you very much.

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5 MS. MAINIERO: Okay. Our next  
6 speaker is Joann Conklin.

7 TZ-058T MS. CONKLIN: Okay. My name is  
8 Joann Conklin. I live right here in  
9 Middletown. I came here tonight because  
10 I've heard a lot about the Tappan Zee  
11 Bridge and how it needs fixing and  
12 repairing. While the Tappan Zee Bridge  
13 does need fixing, I wouldn't recommend  
14 tearing it down completely, for the simple  
15 reason that you have too many people using  
16 it every day to go to and from the City.  
17 I do believe it should be fixed properly.  
18 I understand that it could cost about 80  
19 million dollars, and I honestly believe  
20 somehow we can come up with that money. I  
21 don't know how, except maybe through the  
22 State and maybe our Federal Government  
23 helping us out, and maybe even some money  
24 through the County, but I do believe it  
25 serves a purpose for people to and from

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2 the City.

3 And I understand that there were  
4 charts outside where there was like an  
5 alternative, how to use a train that  
6 serves the suburbs and the City. That  
7 sounds like it might be a good idea,  
8 because the suburbs are like up around  
9 this way, or maybe even in Rockland  
10 County. And I honestly believe it -- it  
11 needs fixing and it can be fixed, but I  
12 wouldn't recommend tearing it down  
13 completely.

14 That's all I have to say for now.

15 Thank you.

16 MS. MAINIERO: Thank you very much.

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17 Our next speaker is Andy Mele.

18 TZ-059T MR. MELE: Hi. I'm Andy Mele. I'm  
19 the Executive Director of Hudson River  
20 Sloop Clearwater. We have about 8,000  
21 members in the Hudson Valley. We will be  
22 submitting written comments prior to the  
23 March 4th deadline that will be in greater  
24 detail. I just wanted to hit some of the  
25 high spots here tonight.