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2 Florida and what the New York State
3 Thruway Authority decides to do, again, I
4 feel that the cable-stayed suspension
5 bridge is the way to do it.

6 And I just hope that people take
7 heed to my advice, and hopefully things
8 will work towards that direction when they
9 decide to choose the particular style of
10 bridge.

11 And I thank you very much for
12 inviting me to participate.

13 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

14 For the record, you said your name
15 was Raymond Fein?

16 MR. LEE: No. My name is Barton
17 Lee.

18 MR. PLOTCHYK: That's what I
19 thought. I don't know how I heard that
20 now.

21 Thank you, sir.

22 MR. LEE: You're welcome.

23 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you very much.

24 Now Raymond Fein.

25 MR. FEIN: The real Raymond Fein.

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2 MR. PLOTCHYK: How could we ever mix
3 you two up.

4 MR. FEIN: I seem to remember in the
5 1950's I saw the same Board come up to
6 Rockland County and tell us what a
7 wonderful bridge they're going to put up
8 that will last forever. And one wise
9 fellow got up and read all the bridges
10 that were across the Hudson River now and
11 wanted to know why they didn't just drain
12 the Hudson River and be done with it.

13 But that's not my reason for coming
14 up here. I just wanted to give you a
15 little history of what happened in
16 Rockland County.

17 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. FEIN: I live in Airmont. And I
19 live in a beautiful condominium there,
20 about 100 feet from a defunct railroad
21 that comes through once a week, with five
22 cars to the lumbar yard. I was told that
23 you're putting in a train station in there
24 or a bus station which will be 100 feet
25 from my bedroom. I'm really interested in

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2 knowing why if you started this project in
3 2002, why you didn't advise the Planning
4 Board of the places that you're going to
5 put your stations. Like Airmont, for
6 instance. And why I -- my building was
7 built in 2004, you could have stopped the
8 controversy and my investing of a lot of
9 money in something that's going to disturb
10 me for the balance of my elderly life.

11 And that's my statement to you.

12 Thank you very much for allowing me
13 to express my views. And I think you
14 ought to do something about that, and put
15 that station that you're planning
16 elsewhere.

17 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you for your
18 comments, sir.

19 That concludes -- oh, we have
20 another gentleman.

21 Have you filled out a card?

22 MR. HIGGINS: I didn't hear my
23 name.

24 MR. PLOTCHYK: And you are, sir?

25 MR. HIGGINS: Dan Higgins. I gave

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I really object to what you're doing here. You're destroying my life. If you want to do this, buy the whole condo section and make a whole train station out of it. It's six buildings there and you'll have a beautiful station. And I think that you're really misguided in destroying my life and I didn't go to war to fight for this.

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You could very well put the train running down the Thruway to save yourself a lot of money.

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And I, also, understand that you're gonna bail out the failing mall that Simon owns, Simon Malls in Nanuet, and build a station in there. Well, that's your prerogative. No one is going to care one way or another, but that will cost you a fortune to move the rails in there. If you can move the rails for Simon, then you can move the rails away from my condominium and I will be sitting

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2 there with a gun that I used to
3 protect this country and I will,
4 definitely, use it.

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5 That's enough.

6 You know, your planning didn't
7 just start now. You could have told
8 us before we bought it, and why did
9 the planning boards allow a builder
10 to build there? Everybody is going
11 to make money on this except me.
12 I'll lose my condominium. I will
13 never be able to sell it and I can't
14 live there.

15 So, I thank you very much for
16 listening.

17 Again, if this project was
18 started in 2002, as Mr. Anderson
19 says, why did they allow the Planning
20 Board of the Town of Airmont to
21 change the zoning for Pulte,
22 P-U-L-T-E, Building Company to build
23 1,400 apartments 100 feet from the
24 train that they're going to put in?
25 That was a gross error in my opinion

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and opens them up to my lawsuit.
It's, grossly, ignoring the people.

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