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Hello and thank you for this chance to express my concerns with short positions and transparency.

One of my concerns which is among many of my peers is that short interest is not required to be reported. And if it is reported it can be questionable. For example, MRIN short interest on Ortex was 174% then jumped to 216% even though the utilization rate was already at 100%, this has been happening with MRIN over the last few days now. To even the playing field in a fair market requires transparency. The big guys at hedge funds and these Market Makers have the data from retail investors instantly. While we the retail investor have to wait weeks for an update does not equal a fair playing field. moving forward there needs to be transparency in the markets. the less transparency there is IE dark pools, ATS, etc the more manipulation you will have by big hedge funds who are never really punished but instead slapped with fines less than one million dollars when there "malpractice" in the market place netted them 10s, 100s of millions if not billions of dollars. The retail investor is realizing that FINRA fines are nothing more than a cost of doing these shay business practices. If you are sincerely about an even playing field and equality in the markets, you will then in fact make them more fair to everyone not just big hedge funds, and market makers. This means more transparency and more up to date data on short positions that do not take days if not weeks for us to get.

Thank you for your time,

Michael Depke.

P.S. if you are interest in getting real data about the current market manipulations by hedge funds and market makers, there are communities waiting to present it to you in full.