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"I am a 'retail investor' who has been aware of naked shorting on Inovio Pharmaceuticals, one of the most shorted stocks in the market. The manipulation of the share price over the years has been criminal. As stated on your website, 'FINRA is authorized by Congress to protect America's investors by making sure the broker-dealer industry operates fairly and honestly.' When are you going to start taking this mandate seriously and do your job?"

The small retail investors are taking a bit hit by these hedge fund managers manipulating the price for their gain. I constantly see professional bashers on the stock boards who are no doubt working for hedge funds to bash the stocks with negative posts on a daily basis which hurts the companies that are trying to do business and grow.

This mainly hurts the companies that are trying grow their business. Inovio Pharmaceuticals happens to be working on a DNA platform advanced medicines for the COVID-19 cure to help the world, and also cures for cancers.

My thoughts are that the SEC needs to be watching at least the top 100 most shorted stocks for illegal manipulation.