Title: How do shorts close a billion shorts?

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So the HF are billions shares short on Sears or some other company that they bankrupted with cellar boxing. They haven't closed them because they are using it for collateral or avoiding taxes from DD I have previously read. What would happen if they did close them though? Is there a point that their fraud would expose itself? Like isn't there a mathematical impossibility to a certain amount of shorted shares before it gets into naked short territory?

Isn't there some tax regulation coming up for unrealized gains that might force them to close? Just looking for another way to prove fraud. Are there any ways to see what these companies are claiming as collateral and extrapolate info about that?

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