DEAR EDITOR:
There are numerous signs posted across the area that read, “Protect Religious Freedom.” This is a nice sentiment but it also begs the question, “What religious freedoms need protecting?” Is there a torch-carrying group somewhere that is going door-to-door demanding that citizens turn over their prayer books, bibles, rosaries, crucifixes, religious pictures, etc.? Or is there a group that is crashing prayer meetings or church services demanding that they stop? I don’t think so, and I also don’t believe that those people posting these signs have an all-encompassing concern about the religious freedoms of U.S. citizens who practice the Islamic, Sikh, Hindu, etc. faiths/religions.
My belief is that these signs stem from a need to find fault with the newly supreme court – approved Affordable Care Act (ACA) health care law and the coverage it affords citizens of the female persuasion. When will people open their God-given minds and see that being a female is not a pre-existing condition and that they are entitled to have the same rights as any male citizens have to good, affordable health care.
Without being able to read minds, I have a strong suspicion that delving even further into this subject, I will find that since the ACA includes health care screenings and access to contraceptive care for women - that this is the real point of contention. This misogynistic attitude throws our country back into the dark ages where women were told, just like children, to be seen and not heard.
Well, times change and with it these antiquated attitudes toward women need to be thrown out. They have the right to make decisions concerning their own health.

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