

Hoosiers must continue to fight for health care

As the president and vice president prepare to visit Elkhart this week to celebrate what they have accomplished in their first two years of leadership and to call on Hoosiers to help advance their agenda, I urge Hoosiers to remember one of their top objectives: to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and take away health care from millions of Americans.

On his first day in office, President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing the administration to identify any way it could unravel the ACA. Just a year ago, Indiana's Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives heeded that order and voted for the American Health Care Act* (AHCA), which would have repealed and replaced major sections of ACA.

Thanks to the rise of citizen voices around Indiana and across the country that brought to light the devastating effect the AHCA would have had on Americans, the bill ultimately failed in the Re-

publican-controlled Senate. But the assault on our health care continues today, and uncertainty over the fate of the ACA has had its own impact on health care access.

Hoosiers are people who would rather build things and improve conditions rather than tear them apart or help them explode. I encourage every Hoosier who believes as I do — that health care is a human right — to stand with groups like Protect Our Health Care Indiana and to call on our elected officials to protect this basic right for every Hoosier.

Jennifer Dunlap
Indianapolis

Roundabout positives exceed the negatives

After seeing recent letters to the editor, I thought a positive word about roundabouts would be appropriate. These letters of condemnation are by those who have a disdain for the concept. Please consider the following about roundabouts:

■ There have been zero deaths during accidents.

■ They expedite traffic.

■ They are permanent, unlike stop signs and traffic signals.

■ Roundabouts do not inhibit emergency vehicles.

I have lived and driven many miles in England. In addition, being from the East Coast, they are used on major highways.

The positives far exceed the negatives.

Richard L. Beltzhoover
Indianapolis

School librarians deserve celebration, too

During this Teacher Appreciation Week, we celebrate school librarians. Many people do not realize that school librarians are licensed teachers who attain additional certification for school librarian. Unfortunately, many Indiana school districts have cut the number of certified school librarians, further risking our children's digital and information literacy and achievement in college, ca-

reer and life. The modern school library is not only a hub for print and e-books, but also is a bustling center for interactive learning projects in the arts, STEM and computer coding. The school librarian is an instructional leader. In fact, two of the top 10 finalists for Indiana Teacher of the Year 2018 were school librarians — Kathleen Rauth of Indianapolis Public Schools and Lena Darnay of MSD of Pike Township. We encourage you to support your school library and certified school librarian. Celebrate this very special teacher — a school librarian — who is critical to school and student success.

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