

advocated tirelessly on behalf of those vulnerable with health issues among the elderly, the poor and children. For example, just recently she was the primary sponsor and working across the aisle was responsible for the adoption of House Bill 287, titled: "Medical waivers for Relatives of Active Duty Military Residing in Ohio," recently signed by Gov. Mike DeWine.

In this age of COVID-19, it is especially essential that we have scientifically informed representation in the political sphere. We need more. They need her in the House, quite aside from her political affiliation.

I suspect many in the area's extensive scientific/medical community agree with me. If not, they should.

Gideon Fraenkel, Upper Arlington

Nation unable to survive another four years of Trump

As a registered nurse, mother, grandmother, 24/7 caregiver and former Republican, I can remain silent no longer. In two months, voters will determine whether expertise, honesty, integrity and respect for the rule of law matter or whether we are willing to reward those whose actions (or inactions) threaten the very survival of our republic.

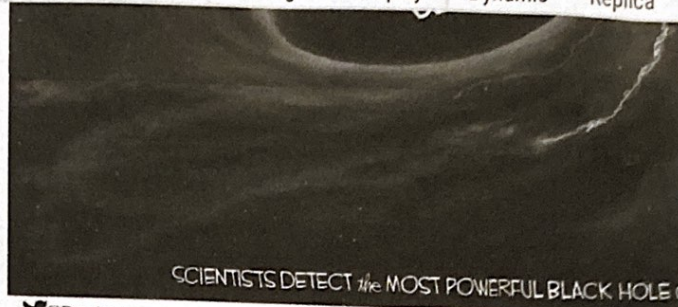
Like many loyal Americans, nurses are alarmed at the state of our union under the current president. Racial divides are growing, fueled by White House inflammatory and often false rhetoric. Housing and economic crises are mounting, and climate change continues unabated.

More than 185,000 Americans have died due to President Donald Trump's mismanagement of the nation's response to the coronavirus pandemic. Our planet is growing hotter and he continues to belittle or ignore scientific evidence warning of impending disaster. Trump's tone deaf, divisive pronouncements spur racially motivated violence and fear.

It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who warned, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Yet unhealthy fear is Trump's weapon of choice, not because it's good for this country but because he believes it will get him reelected.

It's time to say enough. America cannot survive four more years of Trump and his bumbling, corrupt administration. Take a lead from many nurses like me and vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Janice Lanier, Westerville



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Luxury garages seem excessive because some folks are struggling

While serving as Domestic Relations judge in Franklin County, I reviewed detailed financial documents of many families. I was often stricken by the paucity of charitable contributions by many people who could only be called very wealthy. While they apparently had funds available for all sorts of luxuries and pleasures, there appeared to be no money left to help the less fortunate.

I was reminded of this while reading the Friday Dispatch article about the luxury garages being built in New Albany, some to cost over \$100,000, to house automobiles. I wondered how much adequate housing for the economically disadvantaged the potential purchasers of these car castles were planning to provide.

Shouldn't our concern for one another be superior to our concern for providing luxury for our cars?

Ronald Solove, Columbus

Vandalism of political signs lives down to the stereotype

You may have seen the sign in our front yard. With horizontal colors stripes it reads: "We believe Black Lives Matter, No Human is Illegal, Love is Love, Women's Rights Are Human Rights, Science is real, Water is Life; Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere (MLK Jr.)." Claiming our First Amendment rights to free speech, we proudly bought this sign.

Last week we were shocked to see it had been tagged. We then noticed that every sign with similar sentiments and all supporting Vice President Joe Biden had also been tagged. None of the three Trump signs on our street had any damage. To whoever did this: You are quick to explain that anything the current president says is either kidding or his

right (injecting bleach, voting twice, not wanting people to vote by mail, etc.); you readily shout that you have a right to bear arms (even assault weapons created for military use against our enemies) based on the Second Amendment.

Your stereotype is one of folks who are lawless unless it is advantageous to you, arrogant, blind in following the president and incapable of political discourse.

Don't blame the "fake news" or mainline media outlets for the stereotype. You're providing the data for the stereotype. And by the way, our beliefs are even stronger now.

Marie Sweeney, Columbus

Trump supporters aren't aware of or ignore Biden's stance on issues

I respond to the Friday letter "Trump needs to stay in office to protect all Americans" from Don Eastman. He stated that Donald Trump should be elected because he is a businessman, but goes on to state that "some" Democrats want open borders, free health care for all and defunding the police among other statements.

It might be true that some individuals may have different agendas but I would assume if you want to make comparisons for the office of the presidency you would compare Trump vs. Biden. In this case let's look at the facts.

Joe Biden has not opted for open borders but rather ending the separation of parents from their children, as well as solidifying the DACA program. Beside the fact that immigrants made this country what it is today, immigrants pay over \$24 billion in taxes (while not collecting Social Security) and contribute \$2 trillion annually to our economy. In regard to free health care for all, Biden wants to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and protect Americans with pre-ex-