

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Sestak's record should be a warning

I feel for you, Joe Sestak. Politicians often use smear campaigns to get elected rather than run on the real issues ("Sestak defends record as a supporter of Israel," Wednesday).

But let's look at the real issues. In the last four years that you have represented my district, the Congress you were part of has added absolutely massive debt to America. You voted for the spending bill that was supposed to create three million jobs but created much less. You voted for and tout the health-care law, when the fact is you have no experience whatsoever in paying for employee health insurance for anyone.

When I asked you what was in the law to help me pay for health insurance for my employees, you couldn't answer, because there is nothing, except you told me that I could join a government-run exchange.

What would a Sestak senatorial term look like? More huge deficits, more government spending, and more government takeover. Your support of Israel over the years is perhaps better than your record as a representative of the United States. No other issues are needed, sir. Your congressional record is more than enough to say "no to Joe" in 2010.

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be more American on the day we permitted same-sex marriage than we were the day before."

This statement was written by David Blankenhorn, one of the expert witnesses who later testified in support of Proposition 8 and against gay marriage.

Blankenhorn's statement was cited by Judge Vaughn R. Walker in his opinion in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, which struck down Proposition 8 ("Calif. gay marriage ban loses in court," Thursday). I think Blankenhorn's statement, which is the gist of Walker's opinion, says it all. Thanks to Walker, we are indeed today "more American."

Virginia Kilpstein  
Glenside

## Beck does not advocate violence

Can't Dana Milbank find anyone else to pick on? His repeated diatribes about "perilous rhetoric" are enough to make Gandhi turn violent ("Beck's rhetoric of violence," Tuesday).

Let me get this straight. Glenn Beck has millions of listeners of his radio program and millions of viewers for his TV show, and one lunatic with some guns and a bad attitude toward the Tides Foundation makes his speech violent? That is beyond a stretch. Most political pundits and talk-show hosts use analogies and vivid imagery to make their points. Apparently, 2,999,998 of the 3 million Beck listeners understand this

and often cautions people not to respond in violence when confronted.

Doug Hall  
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## Unsafe cuts at Fire Department

If I were in charge of a budget in trouble in a large city such as Philadelphia, and if I were tasked to find ways to cut back, and if I had to choose between, say, the Fire Department, whose job, obviously, is to fight fires and save lives, or an agency such as the Park Rangers, whose job is to prowl the park in search of people riding bicycles without licenses and citizens walking their dogs without leashes, guess what my decision would be ("Neighbors share fears about area brownouts," Wednesday).

It most assuredly would not be rolling brownouts. Perhaps at least one of those six-figure-salary city officials in charge would agree.

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## Tax the rich for exporting jobs

The Super-Rich have relocated hundreds of manufacturing plants to foreign countries, and they are investing billions of dollars in these same countries with the subsequent

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