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Power of protest

Regarding “MLK bridge blockade draws on long history” (Jan. 23): Protests by Martin Luther King Jr. did result in change, and the protest on his holiday could help bring change as well. What would also help would be the follow-up of citizens speaking to their representatives. That is what recently helped make permanent the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, which keep 16 million Americans from falling into — or deeper into — poverty. The Earned Income Tax Credit could be extended to childless adults in the low-income bracket as well. So write or call your legislators to provide this ladder out of poverty, continuing the work of Dr. King.

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