Letters: The Sex Discrimination Lawsuit Against Wal-Mart
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To the Editor:

“When a Lawsuit Is Too Big” (Week in Review, April 3) does a good job of describing some of the challenges of class actions, leaving, I fear, the suggestion that they should be sharply curtailed. If that were done, large-scale enterprises would become too big to be deterred or punished for wrongdoing.

Individuals have little or no chance to challenge that wrongdoing by themselves.

Joining together in a collective action by bringing a class action is the only way the courts can be used to have the possibility of justice for the members of the collective and, just as important, justice for the wrongdoer in terms of damages sufficient to create incentives to change behavior.

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