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The representation of the symmetric group on the homology of the partition lattice has been extensively studied in the literature and has arisen in many different contexts. It is well-known that this representation is isomorphic to the representation of the symmetric group on the homology of the simplicial complex of graphs that are not connected. We present a conjectured generalization of this result to the poset of partitions whose block sizes are congruent to 1 mod k and the simplicial complex of graphs that are not k-edge connected. We show that this conjecture is true for k = 2, as well as for k = 1. (Received September 26, 2006)