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Support for Piesik's compromise

To the editor:

As our city leaders deliberate the fate of crew camps in Williston once again, some of our commissioners remain determined to ban crew camps and negatively impact an industry already struggling.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Piesik has found a compromise in the 1038 Housing Proposal by providing a long-term view of how crew camps keep housing affordable and available for all residents of Williston, while meeting the specific needs of oil and gas producers.

Crew camps are good for our community. They keep neighborhoods for families and permanent residents, require less infrastructure and debt by the city, and prepare the city for the eventual return of drilling. Banning crew camps today positions the city for a repeat of the problems of the past.

We want to move from Boomtown to Hometown. We want to keep housing available and affordable for all of our families, teachers, elderly, and rotational workforce—no matter if they

are new or old to our community. Affordable, available housing is essential for Williston's success, and banning crew camps does keep this promise.

I support Commissioner Piesik's proposal, and encourage her fellow Williston City Commissioners to adopt long-term policies like 1038 that benefit the city, industry, temporary workers, and local residents.

— *Beth Oyloe
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