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Comments: Climbing is a low impact recreational activity that brings people outside and together. Not only do bolts provide much needed safety to what can potentially be a dangerous activity, but they bring out people who care about our nations parks and do so for little to no damage towards the local flora and fauna. Bolting has a lower impact than hiking trails and arguably contributes to the parks by bringing in more people. Climbers are often among the best for the pack in pack or mentality and I know every group I've gone with has strived to leave the parks in better condition than when we arrive. Collecting trash and other human debris that have been scattered throughout the park is something we pride ourselves on doing and the bolts and other climbing safeties that are allowed in parks are a big draw to get us out. Please reconsider a bill that would change 60 years of US climbing tradition and take away a beloved way to enjoy our national parks.