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Comments: I am disheartened to understand that semi-fixed anchors (e.g. bolts) would be greatly restricted as part of the new regulations.

Bolts are necessary on many climbs where other forms of protection do not exist (e.g. face climbs).

In addition, there are many established climbs where existing bolts must be replaced for safety considerations. To impose a permitting / approval process for replacement would decrease the frequency and incidence of bolt replacement and ultimately remove access to these climbs.

I fell in love with the outdoors and outdoor activities via rock climbing and semi-permanent fixtures such as bolts, when properly installed and maintained, are the safest entry point for new climbers to experience climbing in the outdoors. This can contribute greatly to their physical and mental fitness. Removing this opportunity I feel is doing a disservice to many people who are interested in starting to participate in outdoor climbing and other activities.

Please reconsider and review the greater impact this would have on the safety and well-being of those who want to enjoy the outdoors.