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Comments: Fixed climbing anchors are crucial for the navigation and safety in outdoor rock climbing. I've spent years climbing in the US wilderness managed by the US Forest Service and NPS, and without fixed anchors climbing becomes much more dangerous and much less accessible. This negative impact on the sport will effect many of those I know who make their living in the climbing industry. Please continue to allow the existence of fixed anchor protection including bolts, chains, slings, rings, and pitons.

Furthermore, I wholeheartedly endorse the efforts of the Access Fund and the Black Hills Climbers Coalition in preserving climbing access and advocating for responsible bolt placement. Their dedication to maintaining climbing access and environmental conservation is crucial, and I stand behind their initiatives.