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Comments: I am an emergency physician and search & amp; rescue volunteer. I used to be medical director for the Inyo County Sheriff's Department SAR team in the Eastern Sierra serving Mt. Whitney and the High Sierra. Removing bolts or banning bolts would be a huge safety risk, I have been on plenty of rescues where placing bolts or utilizing existing anchors was critical to the life or limb of a victim, whether a climber or hiker or peak scrambler. This effort would put citizens in the backcountry at risk unnecessarily, and would greatly disadvantage SAR efforts. Please do not implement a bolting ban or bolting removal program.

Regards, David Pomeranz MD