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Comments: Dear Rep. Simpson,

I am very concerned about the proposed new regulation from the National Park Service and US Forest Service. Please see for many reasons that climbers have concern:

<https://www.accessfund.org/action-alerts/stop-the-bolt-prohibition>

I personally love climbing. Further, I've spent that last 20 years as a Scout Master and a youth leader in our local church. Once thing that I strongly believe is that youth need to be challenged - they need to do things that are hard and scary. Too many of our youth don't go outside and see the many wonders that exist.

Climbing is a perfect sport to challenge our youth - it's hard, can be scary, and really safe assuming we have good protection, which are the bolt and fixed anchors. We have taken our youth to Box Canyon (in a designated Wilderness Area) and The Fins (Forest Land). Both of these climbing areas have fixed anchors that make climbing really safe. If these anchors were to be removed, I would never consider taking youth climbing to these area as it would not be safe. Both of these climbing locations have routes that are easy enough for youth to do and enjoy. Climbing in such areas is likely to introduce them to the outdoors and make them realize how import our forest and public lands are, resulting in a generation that will respect public lands.

I sincerely hope that you will support Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act (H.R. 1380).

Thank you for everything you do for our state and country.

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I very much agree with the issues brought up by the Access Fund.

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forest and public lands are, resulting in a generation that will love and respect public lands.

Please listen to the AccessFund ([www.accessfund.org](http://www.accessfund.org)) and design regulations that will protect safe climbing in our public lands!

Thank you!