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Comments: There are several reasons that we should maintain fixed anchors in the outdoor climbing community. Please see below.

**Safety and Risk Mitigation:** Fixed anchors, such as bolts and pitons, provide a reliable means for climbers to protect themselves while ascending challenging routes. They offer points of security, reducing the risk of falls and enhancing overall safety. In situations where natural protection is limited or absent, fixed anchors become essential for climbers' safety.

**Accessibility and Inclusion:** Fixed anchors can make climbing more accessible to a wider range of individuals. They allow climbers with varying skill levels to attempt routes that might otherwise be extremely dangerous or impossible without these installations. This inclusivity can foster a sense of community and encourage more people to engage in outdoor activities.

**Route Development and Conservation:** Fixed anchors contribute to the development of climbing routes while minimizing the impact on the natural environment. By establishing designated routes with fixed anchors, climbers can avoid creating multiple, damaging placements in the rock, preserving the integrity of the area.

**Economic Benefits:** Climbing and outdoor recreation contribute significantly to local economies in areas near these activities. Accessible climbing routes with fixed anchors can attract tourists and outdoor enthusiasts, bolstering local businesses and supporting the livelihoods of those in the region.

**Ethical Considerations:** Some argue that well-placed and responsibly maintained fixed anchors are a responsible way to balance the needs of climbers with the preservation of the environment. They advocate for the judicious use of fixed anchors to minimize environmental impact while still allowing for recreational opportunities.

In summary, proponents of fixed anchors advocate for their use to enhance safety, inclusivity, route development, economic benefits, and as a means to balance the needs of climbers with environmental conservation. They believe that when implemented responsibly and in moderation, fixed anchors can coexist with the principles of preserving Wilderness areas.