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Comments: Banning the installation of anchors would be so unbelievably detrimental to American climbing. Climbers are the greatest community when it comes to taking care of something that means safety. It's ridiculous that banning anchors is even a question when they prevent accidents and provide so much more safety to climbers than traditional gear. Not only are they safer but it will limit access to so many Americans, the price of a single cam is ~80\$ and you need at least 3 of them for a safe anchor. Meanwhile an anchor is free as there are countless organizations which provide this service, of course with donations, but the point still stands. It is foolish to ban this as you are blocking a good portion of the population from even attempting to climb outside for cost and safety reasons. If anchors and bolts are banned you will be seeing me complaining at every NPS location in the country and I believe other climbers will do the same. Please don't go through with your plan to ban bolts and anchors, the amount of people it would hurt in the climbing community is immeasurable.

Thank you for taking my and other climbers opinions into consideration, Nick