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Comments: Fixed anchors are absolutely essential for the safety of climbers and nature explorers. There has been a long standing practice among climbers to maintain and replace bolts in their respected community. With the increased popularity in outdoor sports such as climbing, highlining, caving, canyoneering and repeling bolts will play an essential role for everybodys safety especially new comers. The US has a long standing history of using bolts to help people do the things that give them a reason for living in a way that keeps them safe and alive while they're doing it. Please do not ban bolts or regulate try to revulate them. Putting up bolts is a very organic process and this freedom contributes to the many reasons why people love these outdoor activities. If you must regulate this activity trust the responsibility to local climbing guides or respective guiding services as they have an understanding for the complexities of these acfivities.

Thank you