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Comments: If climbers don't have bolts/anchors to climb on. There will be so many more deaths. Absolutely revolting to put the lives of those you serve at risk.

Some destinations take 2hours to drive to. 2 hours to hike in or more. If there are no bolts, then either bolts would have to be added every-time we go out to climb for every bolt taken down (which I will 100% do and pay out of pocket and invest time in doing if this passes for the safety of my fellow climbers), or climbers would have to climb while facing certain death or injury. 1 climber injured in the wilderness = multiple agency response for either rescue or body retrieval. Agencies are already underfunded and understaffed due to a lack of funds for EMS, Fire, and wilderness services. Therefore, a major injury that could be treated could potential lead to the loss of one's life because of a lack of resources available to rescue the injured climber.

In conclusion, banning fixed bolts and anchors is a direct correlation to banning climbing as an outdoor recreational activity in general. This decision is directly attacking the citizens you serve.