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Comments:

Prohibition of new bolting is unnecessary and harmful to the climbing community and other outdoor goers. As a youth coach and a recreational team athlete at my local gym I regularly go to Mt lemon and other areas in Tucson for climbing. For ten years now I have been able to access the outdoors in a safe and fun way when it comes to climbing. The idea that new generations of climbers will miss out on what climbing really is, is not something I hope happens. Climbing is such an amazing outlet for many and is an especially good way to get kids outside who otherwise wouldn't.

Even with the already bolted routes being able to stay up it poses a huge risk for newcomers who may not know the signs of an unsafe route. Climbing when done right is a relatively safe sport. Not allowing the upkeep of preexisting bolts is a major hazard for all climbers.

Climbers are huge stewards of the land they climb on. Every crag I have ever been to have been extremely well kept , rocks and trees are worked around and overall the area is as untouched as possible. Compared to tourist heavy areas such as on Mt Lemon. In tourist areas trash is plentiful and the erosion is ten fold of what a normal crag has.

Climbing is a part of Tucson's rich history! Taking away the ability to safely climb and bolt routes will not stop people climbing on the now unsafe routes. Keep climbing accessible and safe for all. Climbing brings people of all ages together. Climbing shows people how to love the outdoors they might otherwise wouldn't have. Climbing is an important sport to keep alive! So please reconsider this bill and keep this blossoming sport growing for many generations to come!