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I am writing to express my reservations about the proposed bolt prohibition outlined in the recent Access Fund action alert. While I understand the importance of preserving natural landscapes and minimizing environmental impact, a blanket ban on bolting may have unintended consequences for the climbing community.

Bolting, when done responsibly and with proper consideration for the environment, can enhance safety and accessibility for climbers. It is crucial to strike a balance between conservation efforts and providing opportunities for responsible recreational use.

I encourage a more nuanced approach that involves collaboration between the climbing community and environmental stakeholders to develop guidelines and standards for bolting practices. This way, we can continue to enjoy the sport while preserving the integrity of our natural spaces.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Adrian Montano