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Comments: Hello,

My name is Anand James Karra, I am 15 years old, and I have been rock climbing for 13 years. I am a member of the Rocks and Ropes Recreational Outdoor team, as well as an avid rock climber and environmentalist. I started climbing both in gyms and outdoors when I was very young, and since then I have fallen in love with the sport, community, and nature of the rock. To me, climbing has been an extremely influential factor in both my mental and physical health, and has helped me stay outdoors, physically active, mentally happy, and with a respect for the outdoors that would otherwise be hard to come by. While I understand the proposition at a face value to remove these so-called 'installations' that are on our crags, I think that overall it would have an extremely negative impact on the community as a whole. There are numerous reasons for why it should not be passed, but I will go into none of those now, because I hope that the rest of us have already screamed it loud enough: this is a terrible idea.

Instead, I want to explain how it will affect the individual. For someone like me, climbing is more than just a piece of the puzzle that makes up my person. It is an experience, as real as breathing, that becomes special. It is a dance that you can take up over and over again without tiring, a dance with the rocks and the nature of our world that is entirely beautiful and wonderfully enjoyable. However, this poetic dance leads to death of the body if it is performed wrong, and so we use the technology of our modern age in order to prevent the worst of injury and demise. We use fixed gear, your 'installations', in order to prevent that.

Please, I and the rest of the climbers of the area implore you, do not remove this community. The coming generations will thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Anand