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Comments: As a climber who has on many occasions felt the security provided by a well placed bolt, or the risk that has been mitigated through the use of rappel stations, I would like to see the use of existing, and new fixed anchors remain available to the climbing community. Implementing a ban on fixed anchors is not only unreasonable, it creates significant safety concerns. Climbers will continue to use existing bolts and there is plenty of evidence to support that when aging fixed anchors fail, or when descents become more complicated, people are significantly injured or killed in the event of an accident. Additionally, prohibiting the installation of new fixed anchors will not prevent climbing, it will only force climbers to take bigger risks resulting in more serious accidents when they occur.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will not only create safety concerns, it will inhibit the ability of climbers to explore the complex vertical world. Additionally, it will destroy decades of climbing history, of which people come from all over the world to experience.