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Comments: I think that the changes proposed in this bill are unpractical and unfair to climbers, and should be modified to be more fair and practical. Anchors are an essential part of climbing and without them, climbing as we know it will be changed forever. The climbing community is large and extremely passionate, and are some of the most environmentally active people in the country. Taking extreme measures that upset the entire climbing community without compromising to help both parties could ruin existing relationships between climbers and government entities. Bolts and anchors are realistically much less impactful than trails and other man made structures in nature. These anchors are essential the safety of climbers and the ability of rescue teams to access certain areas. Finding a way to regulate the addition and replacement of anchors instead of banning them altogether could be the solution that could satisfy both parties. Climbers want to work with the government and find a solution without burning bridges.

I can personally say that climbing is my entire way of life. Climbing on the rocks in wilderness areas is when I feel most alive. It is a privilege to be able to enjoy our beautiful landscapes in such an intimate way. I would be heartbroken if this opportunity was taken away from future generations. I know I am not alone in feeling this way, and I believe I speak for climbers everywhere.