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Dear Staff Member and Committee Member,

Thank you for all you do to make our wild lands both wild and safe.

I write to express my concern that some new policies that classify fixed bolt climbing anchors as "prohibited installations." I understand that definitions are always somewhat interpretive; however, in this case, I believe that prohibition or removal of fixed anchors is not the proper way to interpret the regulation. Also a strict interpretation of the policies would 101% be impossible to enforce.

Many believe that a prudent way to interpret the policies is one that considers that fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.

Many members of our community are alive because of these fixed bolt anchors -- quite possibly myself included. So very many lives are at stake -- including those of first responders! I appreciate the support of: The bipartisan Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act and America's Outdoor Recreation Act.

Yours truly,

B. K.

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