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Comments: While I understand the desire to protect precious wilderness areas across the country, I don't believe that prohibiting fixed anchors is the way forward.

Fixed anchors are key to ensuring safe experiences for both new and high-level climbers. By prohibiting their placement and maintenance, climbers will be more likely to be exposed to unsafe situations, either through worn out anchors that can no longer support climbing or by being forced to place their own gear when they lack proper experience.

I haven't been climbing all that long compared to many, but have finally been able to begin exploring the world of outdoor climbing in the last year. I'm so excited to see what lies out there, and I can see that in my friends as they grow in the sport as well. There is such a rich history of rock climbing that I want to be able to see and experience these feats for myself, and the proposed legislation would make it nearly impossible for this to take place.

I hope the comments from the community at large push for a second look at whether this proposal is the right way to protect the wilderness areas we cherish, and keep the people that choose to experience them safe.