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Comments: Hello,

My name is Ben Jeffries. I have been an avid climber for over 10 years now and have had the pleasure of climbing in a lot of areas in the southeast as well as in Colorado. I beg you to please reconsider the policy that would ban rebolting efforts. This would be devastating to the climbing community if it passed.

Bolted walls make it both safer as well as more accessible to lower income people. The safety reasons are fairly obvious I think. The bolts give us solid protection against falls. The accessibility for lower income people may be less obvious. If people no longer have the option to use bolts then they will have to resort to trad or traditional climbing. The gear for this style of climbing is far more expensive and would essentially make climbing too expensive for a very large number of climbers out there. Additionally trad climbing is generally less safe because the gear that we use is meant to be placed then pulled out later on as opposed to a small bolt that has been drilled into the rock and is more safe.

Once again please reconsider this policy. Climbing is amazing and I would love for more people to share the experience but this policy would stunt that.

Thank you for your time,

Ben Jeffries