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Comments: Bolts are the rock climbers version of hiking trails or tourist roads. They guide us, keep us safe, minimize our impact on the wilderness areas we traverse and allow us to explore to parts previously unknown to us. To ban bolts is the equivalent of taking away trails or roads, essentially preventing Americans from exploring, enjoying and appreciating our 'purple mountains majesties'. Our connection to the mountains, and safe passage through the judicious placement of bolts ensures that we have a group of citizens who are motivated to protect this land. American, both native and immigrant, have explored and revered the intricacies of this land. To take away a climbers ability to establish new anchors is contrary to the founding principles of this nation. Climbing is a deeply ethical pursuit and along with the help of the bipartisan Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act and America's Outdoor Recreation Act we can ensure the protection of our land and our citizens, "whose stern impassioned stress, A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness!"