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Comments: By making it more difficult for climbers to place and replace bolts, this legislation makes climbing a more dangerous activity. As climbers, we accept the risks of the sport every time we start a route, but anything that increases those risks is entirely unnecessary. If every bolt must be assessed before it can be placed, repaired, or removed, climbing areas across the country will become obsolete as climbers have to wait to use them again.

Fixed anchors have been managed effectively for decades, and rarely have any real effects on the crags and faces they are on. Plus, restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable. There's no reason to change a system that isn't broken, especially by making it more difficult to use in the first place. This will create more (unnecessary) work for land managers and higher risks for climbers.

The sport of rock climbing has major roots in America, and by putting these regulations into place that legacy will be damaged. There's no reason to go through with this act; nobody who would actually be affected by these changes supports them. Listen to the people whose lives depend on well-maintained anchors and bolts; protect recreation in America by making it as safe and accessible as possible!