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Comments: Climbing is sacred to me. It's how I met my fiancé, how I find comfort when times are hard, and connect with my friends and community.

Prohibiting fixed protection in any form will not improve safety for climbers or protect the outdoors. Climbers are among the best stewards of natural resources I have ever encountered. We care deeply for the health and safety of the wilderness spaces whether or not they contain rock to climb.

Making the placement of fixed protection illegal will only create more barriers to maintaining secure, dependable climbing areas with minimal safety risk. When bolting is made illegal, only the responsible members of the community will obey the law. Individuals who place improper bolts have not been, and will never will be, deterred by the illegality and danger of their actions.

The climbing areas suffering from the worst neglect are always those that are illegal to maintain. No responsible member of the community wants to risk breaking the law while doing the hard manual labor of replacing worn bolts and anchors. Maintaining the legal status of gear placement will ensure that the hardworking stewards of the sport will continue to remove bad hardware and enforce proper safety precautions at climbing areas across the country.

Please do not restrict the actions of this community's stewards and leaders. They are critical in ensuring the safety and well-being of all those who participate in this incredible sport.