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Comments: I feel that these restrictions on fixed anchors would be a horrible mistake. The value that fixed anchors provide our community is immeasurable. I worry that reducing these key safety features would lead to more accidents in both ascents and rappels. I also have significant questions about the enforceability of these rules and think that the effective banning of bolted anchors would lead to more temporary anchors being left behind. These anchors are often of more questionable quality and could lead to unnecessary deaths.

My two brothers and I have shared some truly special moments in the mountains, which were made safe in part due to the presence of fixed anchors. Please do not deprive future generations of this access.