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Comments: To whom it may concern,

There are already climbing community ethical guidelines about fixed anchors that limit the indiscriminate placing of bolts and anchors, and climbers adhere to existing laws and restrictions about anchors and bolts. Creating additional overreaching laws to restrict bolting or replacing older bolts could be dangerous for people put into climbing situations where they rely on bolts for safe climbing experiences.

Climbers tend to be good stewards of natural environments helping to keep them clean and safe. In the instances where they add or rely on existing bolts, they are doing it in a minimally invasive way. Also, reasonable bolting doesn't detract from the wilderness experience in most situations.

Adding prohibitive restrictions could make climbing less safe putting people into situations where they are unable to safely retreat because existing gear was unable to be properly maintained, or they are unable add safety gear for themselves or potential future climbers.

Please work with the climbing community to find an optimal path forward that will preserve the natural environment but also support a community that cherishes the wilderness and nature.