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Comments: Greetings,

While this proposed legislation comes from a good place, it is woefully misguided. Comparing bolts to a bridges, roads, etc. is not even close. While we continue to preserve nature, we must be thoughtful about what truly impacts our national parks, monuments, and similar outdoor areas. The rock climbing community in the United States (and globally) is one of the most conservation-minded communities and shares the same respectful, "Leave No Trace" mentality as responsible hikers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Bolting increases safety of climbing overall. And the climbing community makes up a large component of the annual visits to National outdoor areas. This represents a fair amount of the revenue that comes into the NPS every year. Removing the ability of permitted climbers who responsibly bolt climbs within these parks both reduces safety and the growth of the climbing sport in the US.

I oppose this legislation and encourage NPS and USFS to refine or rescind this proposed legislation.