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Comments: My name is Sienna and I'm 16 years old and I've been climbing for as long as I can remember. The climbing industry brings a lot of revenue in terms of tourism. People come to see others climb as well as climb themselves especially in these famous places like Yosemite, Joshua Tree, and all the places that are going to be affected. Prohibiting fixed anchors won't stop or reduce the number of people climbing but will simply make it more dangerous for them. With no safe point of contact to repel off people will result to less safe ways of descent. Also, the maintenance of these anchors can't wait, they need to be fixed or maintained with a quick turn around to keep climbers safe. As climbers we care about our surroundings and the beautiful rocks we have the opportunity to climb, the workers who maintain these anchors are only putting what is necessary to keep us safe, the bare minimum number of anchors and anchor equipment. I hope you'll reconsider the proposition to prohibit.