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Comments: I started climbing in 2020 (in a small class size, outdoors, wearing masks) through the Arizona Mountaineering Club. I can't put into words what climbing has provided me - joy and mindfulness after Postpartum Depression nearly killed me, and the best community I've ever had. But, more relevant to you, I learned to climb in a way that best respects the world around me. Everyone I've met in the community follows Leave No Trace practices, and if anything packs out extra trash. The leaders of the community who bolt have nothing but respect for nature.

Bolting provides climbers a safe way to enjoy our sport outside, and nothing more. I hope you will reconsider this ban. Thank you.