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Comments: My name is Jake and I am writing to give my thoughts a citizen and tax payer on the proposed "bolt ban".

Banning the bolting and upkeep of certain bolted anchors and climbing routes would be detrimental not only to a large demographic of citizens that largely uphold and push for the benefit of wildlife, forest, and natural resources areas, but also detrimental to the engrained ideology and rich history of exploration and pushing boundaries in America.

For the better part of a century, the regulations have permitted climbers to enjoy the great wild places of our country in a unique way. This has inspired many, like myself, to aspire and push to accomplish new goals and see new heights. Climbing has been viewed in so many ways from hippy, to punk rock, to the current view of extreme skill and talent. Banning bolting and upkeep of current bolts would hinder new generations from becoming involved in these sacred, wild places, and the fighting few who have drive to protect these great resources will dwindle.

Aside from the explorative aspects, the safety aspect of this proposed ban would put many people at risk of massive injury or fatality. This would in turn inundate the SAR groups, and jeopardize many other lives in rescue and recovery attempts. Allowing people the safest means possible to enjoy their wild lands should be of utmost importance.

As an avid climber, and outdoors activist I implore you to reconsider this ban, and hear the thoughts and opinions of your constituents to please repeal this, and avoid criminalizing hobbyists, enthusiasts, and explorers. Please let the imaginations and aspirations of the citizens of our country continue to pulsate.

Let us embrace our rights and history as US citizens and continue to push new heights and explore new areas. Let's not encumber the last heritages we have with hard to follow and understand rules and regulations.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

-Jake F