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Comments: Hello,

My name is Jared Martin. I am an ICU nurse, husband, father, outdoorsman, veteran, and rock climber. I served 7 deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan as an Army Ranger with 1st Ranger Battalion. Since serving in combat, I have struggled to recover from symptoms of PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Rock climbing is the first medicine I have found that has the ability to soothe my soul and fulfill my need for adventure that rivals my military service. It is something that has provided me with new friendships, life lessons, and provided bonding experiences with my wife and children. I desire for this passion to live on, and be passed on for generations to come. Climbers are a responsible and nature-loving breed of human. It is through climbing that I came to respect a leave-no-trace approach to enjoying the outdoors. I know that bolts are a slight deviation from leave-no-trace, but they are also what draws myself and others into the outdoors, and keeps me and my family safe in the process. Please do not take away my ability to safely do what I have come to love so deeply. Climbing has fulfilled a need in my life that nothing else has been able to, and brought me and my family closer together through the power of adventure, risk, reward, and personal challenge. I adamantly oppose any change to a freedom that brings so much joy. Please don't take away the ability to maintain safe climbing equipment in Mother Nature.

Very Respectfully,

Jared Martin