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Comments: You do not want to have a bolt ban in the wilderness. People will climb regardless. This is going to cause deaths if it gets passed, and the blood will be on your hands. Climbers take care of where they climb better than any other hobbies. Climbers want to protect the land more than anyone, because they're enjoying the land in such a unique way. Bolts are sometimes necessary to make a route climbable and safe. It doesn't mean the rock needs to be desecrated by it. Climbers care about keeping the integrity of the rock pure, even more so than those who came up with this bolt ban. It's irrational. It won't work. And people will die because of it. Bolting when done responsibly, which I would argue is the majority of developers, does not ruin or desecrate the rock. It allows for people to fully appreciate it. Don't set the standards for Climbers, talk to us, engage with us. Hear how much we care about the land too. And let us carry on our passion safely and responsibly. Consider how heavy the implication of this potential ban could be.