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Comments: Climbing has been an important part of my adult life and that of many dear friends, providing us opportunities to explore and embrace the natural landscape while also exploring the limits of our own abilities, both physical and mental.

Fixed anchors and bolts have allowed us to maintain our own safety, as well as maintain the sanctity and health of the environments around us that we cherish for these opportunities. I'm concerned that the policies being proposed could jeopardize climbers' ability to continue participating in this wonderful activity.

As climbers we tend to consider the sustainability of our sport to be of the utmost importance. Bolts allow us to traverse our landscapes with far greater levels of safety, as well as a far lower total impact on the natural features, counterintuitive though that may seem to non-climbers.

I encourage you to reconsider these proposals, to the extent that they may inhibit future participation in the sport of climbing in the US, a sport that holds so much importance to countless caring citizens, not just in the US itself but across the world.