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Comments: I do not believe we should go through with this act. I believe that in order to climb routes safely that fixed protection needs to be in place. Especially when establishing new routes. I believe that getting rid of fixed anchors will cause more gear to be left in the wilderness and more intrusive impact to occur. Using fixed gear helps to prevent people from leaving gear and helps to keep the route clean. Gear such as slings around trees actually help to protect the life of the tree and prevents unnecessary damage that would kill the tree. Especially when repelling it makes it so much safer for the tree and the climber to use their own fixed gear. If they don't use a sling and a rappel ring the rope can get stuck. I think it should be the climbers decision to also either replace slings or to trust them because it makes climbers think about their actions in a more dynamic manner. Also in the climbing community it is an unspoken agreement that the "elders" of the climbing community are responsible to keep the area well maintained. These climbers know the impacts of bolting and setting up fixed anchors and do it within reason thinking about the safety of climbers and the environment. It is how these climbers give back and how they support their community. I think this act would strip climbing if it's sense of community. Thank you