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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I do not support the passing of this initiative as it is currently written. I believe that this change would jeopardize the future climbing on established routes that are currently bolted and future routes that may be bolted in the future. I believe that current protections are adequate to maintain the integrity of wilderness areas and that giving additional power to government organizations would remove power and access from the public. In my experience, climbing communities adequately care for the natural state of wilderness so additional restriction is unnecessary and would create more significant problems than it solves. I believe it would pose danger to climbers to limit bolting based on preservation of natural landscapes and that having bolts on climbing walls does not substantially change the state of the natural landscape in a way that limits the public's enjoyment of or access to wilderness areas. As a regular outdoor sport climber, I choose to sport climb because it limits risk to my own safety with safe bolting, but with bolting limited by people that are not bolting or climbing the wall, I fear that my safety will be in jeopardy in favor of limiting anchors to safely lower from or bolts to safely climb with to limit fall distance and ground or ledge impact. Please consider my voice in not passing this proposed so that I can safely continue a pursuit that adds great value and enjoyment to my daily life.

Sincerely,

Cameron Meteer