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Comments: I have been a rock climber and outdoor enthusiast since the mid 1990s. The very sport and environment I love will be threatened if the very hardware we depend on would no longer be allowed. Just like trail signs, bolts and anchors can have historical relevance as well as provide a safe experience for the climber, canyoneer, or mountaineer. Rock climbing is my passion and this measure would have devastating effects on my ability to go outside and do the thing I love. Managing risk is all about weather, equipment, knowledge and the route. Can I get down safely if a thunderstorm rolls in? Can I use the rappel anchors that have allowed for safe descent in the past? Or is search and rescue going to have to respond? This is just one of the many implications. Responsible bolting, on the other hand, is very reasonable and could offer an alternative to the current proposal.