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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am responding and voicing my opposition to the recent call to prohibit fixed anchors in wilderness areas. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of outdoor climbing safety gear and important for maintaining responsible and fair access to recreational areas. As a climber who has benefited from the use of these systems, in my 20+ years of climbing experience, it would be an unfortunate loss of access to many places that me and my close ones hold so dear. I think with proper, reasonable regulation, there is no need for an outright ban! I would be more than happy to help in whatever may be needed to enact more lenient regulation.

Sincerely,

Edward Gutman