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Comments: Prohibiting fixed anchors would limit the number of outdoor climbing areas. This could lead to overcrowding of existing areas which would not be good for those environments. Additionally, prohibiting fixed anchors would lead to safety issues because the existing anchors would not be allowed to be replaced. These anchors need to replaced after they are worn down to ensure their safety. Please reconsider this ban for the preservation of our existing climbing areas and the safety of our climbers.