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Comments: I've spent the past 20 years in the mountains climbing. The proposed legislation will have a profoundly negative impact on my safety and the safety of my friends and loved ones. The installation and maintenance of bolts keeps climbers safe and lowers the overall impact on the environment. Having climbed in the north Cascades where similar rules are in place, I've seen the collections of tat that develop around trees and boulders. (Instead of clean and safe rappel anchors) This legislation would cause this to happen everywhere. Most importantly, there is no distinction between replacing existing bolts (which is necessary for climbers safety) and the bolting of new routes. Requiring an application for the bolting of new routes makes sense. Outlawing the routine replacement of aging hardware does not.