

Connecticut General Assembly,

I have recently read that your committee is considering changing the law to allow an on-line computer course to take the place of classroom-based safe boating courses and training for firearms.

Although on-line training is an effective educational modality, I DO NOT believe that on-line training should take the place of classroom training for firearms or boating safety courses. CERTIFICATION VIA ON-LINE TRAINING FOR FIREARMS AND BOATING SAFETY WILL COMPROMISE THE SAFETY OF OUR SOCIETY.

A classroom setting provides students and instructors a forum to exchange practical experiences and knowledge. Instructors introduce training aids to the classroom, such as marine radios, charts, safety equipment, etc. This cannot be reproduced on-line. A computer course cannot show you how to dock a boat - or tell you what mistakes it made while it was learning. A computer cannot properly teach weapons training and safety for hunters and especially for children. This is an unsafe proposal which puts people in harms way. Please do not allow this new law to go into effect.

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety and Hunter Safety training.

Respectfully,

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