

To the Environment Committee, concerning HR Bill # 6541 - hearing on Friday March 8, 2013;

I have heard that your committee is considering changing some laws so that it will be easier to get your boating (or hunting) license.

HOWEVER, easier is not always better. Taking a boating course online is a horrible idea. I live on a river/lake and I see irresponsible boaters/jetskiers every day. Can you imagine what it will be like after the law changes to allow an ONLINE course?? MORE irresponsible boaters/jetskiers would come out of the woodwork. It's very easy to cheat on an online exam. Plus, how do you even know the person taking the course is who he/she says they are?

In a real classroom, people interact and ask questions, or tell stories about things that happened to them. I remember a lot of my boating course because of the excellent teacher and interactive students - not necessarily from the dry & quite frankly, boring book.

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety that are outlined in HR Bill # 6541. And although I am not a hunter, the same goes for the hunting safety laws.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
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