

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

I know that your committee is considering a law to allow an on-line computer course to take the place of classroom-based safe boating courses. That's the change in the law that is also is going to allow on-line training for firearms. This is an awful idea and I would like for this new law NOT to go into effect .

Online training may work well for many applications however, neither boating safety nor firearms training falls into such a category. Both applications require important hands on learning and visual learning that cannot be taught through a computer screen. Although we live in a time where computer programs have become a replacement for so many things, there are some things that simply require human interaction. Will the amount of people trained rise because people simply don't have to spend the time or energy to get up and go somewhere, yes. Will the amount of qualified trainees decrease with this method, yes!

Thank you for your time,

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