

For the Environment Committee, concerning HR Bill # 6541 - hearing on Friday March 8, 2013  
I know that your committee is considering changing the law to allow a short on-line computer course to take the place of classroom-based safe boating courses. That's the change in the law that is also going to allow on-line training for firearms. This is a really bad idea. Please do not allow this new law to go into effect because - - on line training is good for some things, but it's not good for "boaters Ed" - it can't be good for "boaters ed" that's like saying someone can get their driving license online... - I had to work for my "diploma" - why should the new students have it really easy and not know as much as when boating as well as making other boaters feel unsafe because they're not properly trained - how do you know that the person taking the test is really the person who took the course  
Also, just a personal note, I personally feel offended and disgusted that after the horrific events that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary, our government, specifically Connecticut's government, that governs the town of Newtown, would even consider passing legislation that would make it easier to obtain a gun permit. Our nation is currently struggling to fix our gun laws, with a huge rally taking place following the events in Newtown and you're trying to make it easier for people to get their hands on weapons? I'm disgusted to know that my state's government is working to pass this legislation, especially in the wake of everything that has happened. I'm asking you as a concerned citizen of Connecticut and an educated student of Columbia university to please reconsider the haste and severity of this legislation and the consequences that could follow.

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