

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 is going to allow on-line training for firearms. This is a really bad idea because you cannot learn how to drive a car by taking an on line class, you also cannot learn to drive a boat by sitting at a computer. This rule change has not been well publicized so that the public can comment on it. When taking an online class you cannot ask questions of instructor. Also this class gives a license for a person to operate a boat or fire arm. This should be taken seriously and the identity of the person taking the test should be confirmed, how can this be done if the course is taken over a computer. Please do not allow this new law to go into effect.

Sincerely,

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