

Senator Edward Meyer, Representative Linda M. Gentile and the Environmental Committee  
Concerning HR Bill # 6541 hearing on Friday March 8, 2013.

**I OPPOSE THIS BILL AND OPPOSE ALLOWING ONLINE COURSES IN BOATER  
AND HUNTER SAFETY.**

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.

Please do not allow this new law to go into effect –

As a retired Police Officer, avid Boater and Gun owner no online courses can replace hands on training. I used to attend yearly firearm certifications that involved classroom and field instruction and there were still instances were people forgot their training. Hands on training, reinforced good techniques and allowed for people to ask questions and get one on one help.

As a boater I have witnessed irresponsible operation of boats and watercraft and improperly equipped boaters and watercraft users. Again no online course will make up for hands on and face to face instruction.

I strongly urge you NOT to consider online courses!

Sincerely,

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