

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 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 –

Example 1: (CHOOSE A COUPLE OF THE REASONS BELOW OR USE YOUR OWN - AND FILL THEM OUT IN YOUR OWN WORDS !)

I strongly disagree with this proposed change for several reason, chiefly that online training is good for some things but I do not believe it will be beneficial for anyone taking these certification classes moving forward. I already feel that there is a huge lack of education regarding water safety and this would be an even bigger step backward. The new format would not allow for interaction between an instructor and a student while also making the testing nearly impossible to fail for someone who is savvy enough to search for an answer they do not know.

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety and Hunter Safety training at this time.

Thank you -

Respectfully,
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