

Dear Senator Edward Meyer, Representative Linda M. Genitle and the Environmental Committee,

Concerning HR Bill # 6541 hearing on Friday, March 8, 2012

I strongly oppose this bill and oppose allowing online courses in boater and hunter safety.

As a life long boater, member of two yacht clubs on the Eastern seaboard and mother of four children who all practice safe boating, I can tell you that safety on the water is not something that can be taught in front of a computer.

Both the boater and hunter safety courses my family has taken, and passed, were over a two day period with experienced state personal with personal life experiences they were able to share with the class.

If any changes should be made it should be that an actual boating test on the water should be administered and additional CPR and First Aid outdoor skills should be added to the Hunter Safety.

Changing these two courses to online classes will be catastrophic to the boating community doing its utmost to be safe on the water and cause unforeseen danger to the hunting community with under-trained people with lethal guns.

Do not change the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety and Hunter Safety.

Thank you,

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