

**Senator Edward Meyer, Representative Linda M. Gentile and the Environmental Committee,**

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

Although online classes maybe more convenient, the learning environment in an actual classroom is more productive. A class room offers a more personalized learning environment that allows the students to retain the information on a higher level then a online class.

It is not wise to put someone behind the wheel of a vehicle when they have only completed a online course, they will not have the same knowledge or skills of the people who have taken drivers ed instead of on line courses. I am a professional flight instructor, and as a flight instructor I would not feel comfortable having my students taking only online courses. I don't believe that it is wise to jeopardize safety for convenience.

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