

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 horrible idea. In fact, the boaters Safety course should be mandatory!!!

The people involved in passing this bill obviously haven't been out on their boat on a weekend in the Great South Bay. If they have they would understand my point when I say that taking a safety course before getting behind the wheel of a boat should be mandatory. There is an infinite amount of idiots behind the wheel of multiple ton floating vehicles that don't have brakes just because they can and they didn't take a boating safety course which introduces the awareness you must have while driving a boat. Its twice as much dangerous for everyone on the boat as it is fun. Every...EVERY....E V E R Y !!!!! year people die in the long island waters in boating accidents. I wonder if any of those victims took a boating safety course?????

Based on that...let's make it not only "not mandatory" but a lot easier for people to take a course where they are not tested as well as a human being in a classroom. That's CRAZY!!!!!

Senator Edward Meyer, Representative Linda M. Gentile and the Environmental Committee...you are just as stupid as the unaware, inexperienced, ignorant person driving that boat on that weekend who doesn't even know that he or she is putting their and everyone on that boats life in danger because he wasn't told BY A HUMAN BEING at a boating safety course that red buoys aren't always going to be on your right side he runs his boat into a sandbar at 30 mph and kills everyone on that boat on that beautiful summer day!!!

So you guys decide with consideration now for your own family members...

Do you want your kids to be on that "cool" friend's boat driven by a person that clicked his way through a course on a computer OR do you want an experienced instructor to look him in the eyes and make sure that he understood the seriousness and the dangers of a boat before even thinking of boarding one let alone drive one!

You want to pass a law? Pass a law that it is mandatory to have a boat driver's license! Enforce stronger laws don't make them weaker!

Respectfully submitted,

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