

To: **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 think that this regulation change is being rushed - it is the first I heard of it. When My children and I took our course in boating safety, We learned much from the other students in the class, by the questions that they asked, and the interesting way that the teacher answered their questions. Some computers may be able to do this - but it doesn't sound as if this proposal will work that way.

There are lots of things to learn about boating that aren't in the book. If you are sitting at home with your PC, you just can not "hear" what the other students are asking, and what the instructor is telling them. My teacher brought some "training aids" into the class - radios, ropes, charts ... How can students learning through a computer ever "see" what boating is about?

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

Thank you -

Respectfully,

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