

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 really bad idea.

Please do not allow this new law to go into effect – This no way to train our young boaters and people with firearms.

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?

Thank you,
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