

Specifically for the attention of Senator Edward Meyer, Representative Linda M. Gentile and the Environmental Committee:

Concerning HR Bill #6541 to be heard on Friday March 08th, 2013.

Please know that I **UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSE** this Bill!! When I took my course a few years ago there is something that hit me like a rock; it is that boating is absolutely perilous for the untrained and the unprepared! This wake up moment came due to the **VAST** experience of the instructor in front of us, who was able to impart so much information to us beyond the manual, including his own incidents at sea. I **SHUDDER** to think that someone will be allowed to take a course this critical online! No one learns to drive a car online and for good reason! The level of knowledge imparted to us to by our instructor and the sense of the gravity of seafaring is something that simply cannot be achieved by sitting in front of a computer.

To make matters worse, I understand this Bill is attached to a proposal for online weapons training...is there truly nothing sacred left? This from the State of Connecticut where children were just massacred by another child (yes, I consider him a child)?!

I don't know if it is in the air that we breathe or the water that we drink, but this madness has to stop! Why? What thought process would actually have people in position of power actively look for ways to enable the spread of death and destruction. This type of behavior is frustratingly **MIND BOGGLING!**

Again, I **ABSOLUTELY UNEQUIVOCALLY** oppose Bill #6541. Please do not let this go any further.

Respectfully,
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