

To whom it may concern:

I recently learned that your committee is considering changes to CT law (HR Bill #6541) that would permit on-line boating courses to replace classroom courses and that the same legislation would permit on-line training for firearms. How could anyone even think that this is a good idea? After all that has happened recently, you want to change the law to make it easier and more anonymous to get a gun. That in itself is criminal. Who's going to write the software, the NRA?

You should be considering legislation to make it more difficult to obtain weapons of mass destruction, not easier. And bundling it with boating safety? It's now almost as difficult to drive a boat as a car, and there's a reason for that. Guns can cause more damage in a shorter amount of time than either a boat or a car and yet you want to make it easier and more anonymous to get a permit to use a gun. Not to mention the fact that gaming on online test would be just about as simple as killing many people quickly with a Mac-10. There would be websites all over the internet, some probably produced by the NRA, that would give people the answers to the tests. You wouldn't even have to take the course or learn the information it addressed.

Please "kill" this bill.

Regards,

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