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Promote Classroom Hunters Safety

WHEREAS, online classes do not properly allow for training, 10 (Ten) hours of training is not adequate for proper training and compromises safety, instill responsibility, improve skills, knowledge and personal involvement; and,

WHEREAS, online training does not allow for hands on training for numerous actions of rifles (Bolt, pump, lever, semi-automatic); and,

WHEREAS, questions brought forward by students will not be addressed properly; and,

WHEREAS, Hunter education programs have always taught young hunters the practice of firearm and hunting safety, regular classroom setting allows for a more complete understanding of each student; and,

WHEREAS, training of hunting laws will be lost; and

WHEREAS, hunter responsibility will be lost due to inadequate training; and,

WHEREAS, the cost per student is greater with online course; and,

WHEREAS, there will be a major loss of experienced instructors due to the structure of the online class; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of hunter education programs is to develop safe, ethical, and responsible hunters and to ensure the continuation of the hunting tradition; and,

WHEREAS, Hunters Safety course objective is to reduce the potential for accidents, injuries and fatalities; to reduce the potential for conflict between participants, landowners and other resource users; and to promote safe, responsible and ethical use of the environment and our resources.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Douglas County on April 11, 2016, opposes the online method of Hunters Safety and respectfully requests the Wisconsin Legislature to promote classroom setting Hunters Safety with qualified instructors, and allowing the qualified instructors the time necessary to properly train students.

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