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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Lorraine Hunt
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Dear Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Hunt:

Dear Ms. Hunt:

I write regarding the "OMB Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Regulatory Analysis and the Format of Accounting Statements." These guidelines determine that saving the life of an elderly person is worth less than saving the life of a younger person.

The analysis proposes to devalue the life of a human over 70 to 2/3 that of the rest of the population and lowers the established EPA price tag of a human life from \$6.1 million to \$3.7 million. If analysis is fully applied, regulations for air pollution, toxic waste cleanup, food labeling and other quality of life issues could be weakened or not even implemented at all—and our senior citizens will feel the brunt of it since their health is the most vulnerable to dirty air and unhealthy food.

I strongly believe the implementation of such analysis would be misguided at best. At worst, it raises serious ethical and humanitarian questions, in addition to compromising our responsibilities as good stewards of our earth.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this serious and important issue.

Sincerely,

Melanie J. Taormina