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

I urge you to reject this analysis which proposes to devalue human life and especially older human lives.

A human life begins empty and full of promise, and as it grows older, becomes filled with life experience, wisdom and long-range perspective. Surely an elder's life is worth at least as much as a younger person's in this light. In these times, we need all the wisdom and long-term perspective we can get.

This analysis is a pretext to cut health and safety standards for the benefit of industries which would stand to gain from this White House initiative. If applied, it would weaken or eliminate regulations for many environmental and other quality of life issues, which would be most damaging to elders and the very young. Such an analysis is immoral and unethical.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Freda Shen