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

The "OMB Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Regulatory Analysis and the Format of Accounting Statements" has determined that saving the life of an elderly person is worth less than saving the life of a younger person.

The OMB's conclusion that the lives of senior citizens are less valuable than the lives of younger persons raises serious ethical and scientific questions as well as endangering the health of children.

As an American citizen who is the offspring of a senior citizen, I find that devaluing an elderly person's life is unethical and unmoral.

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. Who can make this kind of determination?

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, followed by all the growing children, will feel the brunt of it since their health is the most vulnerable to dirty air and unhealthy food.

Sincerely,

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