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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 am writing regarding the "OMB Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Regulatory Analysis and the Format of Accounting Statements", which determines that saving the life of an elderly person is worth less than saving the life of a younger person.

As an American citizen who is the child of a senior citizen, I find that devaluing an elderly person's life goes against my values.

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.

This appears to be a way to cut the value of health and safety standards in order to protect the industries that stand to gain from this White House initiative.

I am concerned with the OMB's conclusions.

If analysis is fully applied, it could affect regulations for air pollution, toxic waste cleanup, food labeling and other quality of life issues. I fear that this could lead to a weakening of senior citizen protections, since this would affect their health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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