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Dear Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Hunt:

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

The analysis I am speaking of 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.

Using this methodology, 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. Not to mention US by the time we are "seniors". Perhaps this could justify placing hazardous waste aside retirement communities from a cost / benefit analysis?

This is another obvious attempt to lower environmental controls and 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 appalled at this measure & sincerely hope that you will do everything in your power to scratch this from the OMB draft. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brian Lawrence