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Subject: How Much Is a Senior Worth?

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

Is the next step of this monstrous Administration to say that the elderly should only get 60% of the health care that they need? Especially since they'll need more care due to the environmental pollution Mr. Bush is so eager to promote?

This is a mere pretext 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've still got six years to go before my life gets deemed to be not worth very much, but I'm appalled by this unethical, deceptive, manipulative way of getting corrupt, anti-human legislation passed purely for economic self-interest.

I have to hope that your agency has enough political independence to refuse to implement this reprehensible approach to destroying our environmental safeguards. Somebody has to stand up to these monsters in Government. I hope that somebody is you.

Sincerely,

James T. Wood