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Dear Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Hunt:

I am writing to ask you not to move forward with their guidance on cost-benefit analysis (known as the OMB Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Regulatory Analysis and the Format of Accounting Statements).

According to the Bush Administration, saving the life of someone 70 or older is worth only 63 percent as much as saving the life of someone younger.

Twice this year, the White House Office of Management and Budget told the EPA to apply that discounted value when considering whether new anti-pollution regulations were worth the costs they would impose on the polluting industries.

While it is standard federal practice to run such cost-benefit analyses, the OMB's conclusion that the lives of senior citizens are less valuable raises serious ethical and scientific questions.

This action is clearly a 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.

More Corporate Feudalism!

Sincerely,

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