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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" determines that saving the life of an elderly person is worth less than saving the life of a younger person.

?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 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.

?The OMB's conclusion that the lives of senior citizens are less valuable raises serious ethical and scientific questions.

Sincerely,

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