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Dear Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Hunt:

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

All life is equally valuable. It is not the governments job to pretend to be able to assign a value to life.

Sincerely,

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