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Subject: Comments on the Draft Guidelines

Dear Lorraine Hunt,

It has come to my attention that the White House OMB has informed the EPA that they should apply a lesser value where older Americans are concerned when considering new anti-pollution regulations.

This is beyond the pale of offensiveness. My mother is 83 and my mother-in-law is 95, and I have other elderly relatives as well. And I am approaching the age where the Bush Administration obviously feels my value is diminished in its eyes.

Please EMPHASIZE and IMPROVE our anti-pollution regulations so that they will protect our health. We do not need the EPA to protect the vested interests of the wealthy and powerful; they are all too capable of doing that themselves.

The value of life only diminishes when our health diminishes. Please do all you can to protect us. With the Bush Administration in power and a Republican controlled Congress, your help is more critical now than ever.

Sincerely,

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