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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Lorraine Hunt Office of Management and Budget, NEOB Room 10202, 725 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20503

Dear Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Hunt:

When are you going to draw the line, that profit is not more important than human life? Or are you going to draw this line, because it doesn't seem like you are. 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.

Of course the same toxins you're looking to deregulate affect all people. 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. If analysis is fully applied, regulations for air pollution, toxic waste cleanup, food labeling and other quality of life issues could be weakened or not even implemented at all—and our senior citizens will feel the brunt of it since their health is the most vulnerable to dirty air and unhealthy food.

You have got to draw the line. This has gone past balancing interests into the territory of true evil. I suppose you sociopaths wearing the banner of conservatism consider killing the elderly morally excusable while abortion and gay rights is simply immoral. Well, I've had enough. You've got to stop this madness now!

Sincerely,

John Langton