



## LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.

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LICL e-blast - serving Nassau/Suffolk pro-life advocates.  
LICL e-blast is additional information to *Life News*.

Dear Defenders of Life:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:

"It is a family's worst nightmare. A loved one is desperately ill but a health care facility or provider refuses life-saving treatment on the grounds that this care is "futile."

### New York State Right to Life presents: "Denial of Treatment" Seminar with Burke Balch, J.D. Saturday, February 7

Hosted by Long Island Coalition for Life, Saturday, February 7th, 2015, 10 AM-1:30 PM, Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY 11801

Free lunch will be provided for attendees. While late registrants are welcome, we ask you to register by Feb. 4, to provide us with an accurate head count.

Burke Balch, J.D., is the director of National Right to Life's Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics. A graduate of Williams College and New York University School of Law, Mr. Balch deals with euthanasia-related issues, including assisting suicide; denial of lifesaving medical treatment, food, and fluids; and rationing of health care.

This seminar will provide critical information about bills in the New York State legislature that would undermine current law that protects against involuntary denial of life-saving treatment, food and fluids. All are invited to learn about this grave threat to the lives of your own family, and the pro-life response urgently needed to defeat the danger of involuntary euthanasia in New York before it is too late.

As Jennifer Popik, J.D., Legislative Counsel for the Washington, DC-based Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics has warned, "It is a family's worst nightmare. A loved one is desperately ill but a health care facility or provider refuses life-saving treatment on the grounds that this care is "futile." This is occurring, with increasing frequency, all across the U.S. In many cases, health care providers call life-saving medical treatment "futile" not because it will fail to preserve the patient's life, but because they deem the life not worth saving - that the "quality of life" is so poor that in their judgment the patient has lost the right to live."

NYS Right to Life and our affiliates fought an epic battle over fifteen long years to ensure some protections were put into the law to protect patients against involuntary denial of treatment. This effort culminated in New York State passing some of the strongest patient protections in the country. Those protections are now under attack. We need every pro-life person within reach of this seminar to be equipped with the tools needed to prevail again. Burke Balch is an international authority on denial of treatment and other euthanasia-related issues. Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear him speak on the most pressing life issue facing our state this year.

**Please spread the word! This vital seminar is free to attend, and all are welcome. We ask that you consider extending this invitation to your contacts and across social media platforms!**

To register, call New York State Right to Life at 518.434.1293 or contact Marie Mawn at 631.588.0168.