



# Life News

Long Island's Pro-Life Newsletter

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“Governor Hochul suggests that assisted suicide is about “shortening dying,” not shortening life. This distinction does not hold up under scrutiny. The bill explicitly authorizes physicians to prescribe drugs with the sole purpose of causing death. That intent is central, not incidental. Rebranding suicide as “medical aid in dying” does not change the underlying act. It changes only the language — not the reality.” (New York Families Foundation)

**THANK YOU!** A special shout out to thank **Peter Bertran** for his exceptional role as Presiding Vice Chair of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Peter has been a dedicated pro-life warrior over the years and has made great contributions to the LICL. He will still be involved in the LICL and in working for LIFE! The Board of Directors for the LICL for 2026 is: John (Jack) O’Brien, Chairman, Robert McEntee, Presiding Vice-Chair, Celeste Broyles, Nassau Vice-Chair, Gerry Crosson, Suffolk Vice-Chair, Frederick Peritore, Treasurer, George Frost, Immediate Past Chair. The secretary position is open at this time. If anyone is interested in being interviewed for this position, and/or would like more information on the duties of this position, please contact the LICL at 631-243-1435 or email at [info@prolifeli.org](mailto:info@prolifeli.org).

## Good Friday Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children

April 3, 2026 10:30 AM - Noon

Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life adults, teens and



children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. As **preborn human babies’ lives**

**continue to be lost on Long Island through abortion**, it is critical that this tragedy not be forgotten. Positive pro-life action can save lives! Your participation for even part of the time is important! Signs provided or bring your own (pro-life, no political signs). Information – contact the LICL at 631-243-1435 or [info@prolifeli.org](mailto:info@prolifeli.org).

## SAVE THE DATE!

Lobby for Life - Your Long Island Coalition for Life will send a bus up to Albany to lobby on Tuesday, April 21. Please consider joining us to let our voices be heard. More information will be in the April issue of *Life News* as well as on the website.

## 40 Days for Life - 2/18-3/29/26

As of the printing of this issue of *Life News* the only Long Island sites we have for 40DFL witnesses are:

- Hempstead: 540 Fulton Avenue  
[40daysforlife.com/hempstead](http://40daysforlife.com/hempstead)
- Smithtown: 70 Maple Avenue  
go to [40daysforlife.com/smithtown](http://40daysforlife.com/smithtown) or call 631.656.0441

For additional info and sites, visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

## NYS Assisted Suicide bill

Governor Hochul argued that amendments (additional evaluations, waiting periods, and documentation) to the **Assisted Suicide bill** address concerns about coercion and abuse. They do not. No safeguard can resolve the fundamental problem: the state would be endorsing suicide as an acceptable response to suffering for some people. Even with amendments, the bill still:

- \*Treats terminally ill and disabled New Yorkers differently from others experiencing suicidal thoughts
- \*Turns doctors into facilitators of suicide
- \*Undermines suicide-prevention efforts
- \*Fails to detect coercion, depression, or subtle pressure reliably
- \*Relies on prognoses that are frequently inaccurate
- \*Opens the door to future expansion, as has occurred in other states

(Source New York Family Foundation)

**You're  
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. General meeting Monday, **March 23 at 7:30 PM** at St. Joseph RCC Parish Center, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma. **All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

### **2026 Annual Oratory Contest**

You are welcome to come and watch the annual Oratory Contest sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust, held at Joseph Barry Council of Knights of Columbus, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY on Saturday, March 7th, 2026 starting shortly after 1 PM. High school students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are selected among submissions to participate in our 22nd annual Respect for Human Life Oratory Contest. It is encouraging to hear youth speak with enthusiasm and spirit for the voiceless and marginalized members of the human family, including the pre-born, the frail elderly and the disabled.

### **High School 2026 Scholarship Award**

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school juniors and seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2026 High School Scholarship Award. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities. Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life. Deadline is 4/15/26. For more information and an application, please visit: <https://prolifed.org/events/> or email [MakeRoom4Him@gmail.com](mailto:MakeRoom4Him@gmail.com).

**Long Island Pro-Life Youth Club** invites Junior High & High School students to its meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, at Plainview-Old Bethpage Library (999 Old Country Road, Plainview; Room D, front lobby). Help build a culture that respects all human life!  
Info: [cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com](mailto:cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com) (Celeste)

### **Pro-Life Talking Points – LICL Website**

Definitions: Abortion advocates use a variety of terms in an effort to obscure the scientific fact that human parents conceive human children. Abortion supporters may use ‘embryo’ – without defining what species the embryo is – to avoid saying baby, child, or human. A popular pro-abortion terminology is to describe the pregnancy as just a ‘clump of cells.’ This is disingenuous as all of us are ‘clumps of cells’ and it’s also a demeaning way to describe the incredible human entity developing itself in a complex and awe-inspiring manner. Pro-lifers need to be accurate in the terms they use. The definitions related to fetal development provided under Pro-Life Talking Points on the LICL website at <https://prolifeli.org/pro-life-talking-points> will help to use clear language when speaking & writing.

### **Take Action for Pro-Life Progress**

There are many ways pro-lifers can foster a pro-life mindset in their homes, schools, churches and communities. Rather than become overwhelmed with large projects, a smaller or a singular action is also an effective way to build a more pro-life future. The following idea is offered for March.

#### **MARCH**

Wear the 'Precious Feet' pin – the symbol of a baby’s feet 10 weeks in the womb. Wear it on your shirt, coat, lapel, backpack, purse, etc. The pin may start a conversation where you can explain that by 10 weeks, the baby's heart is beating, brain waves can be detected and fingerprints are starting to form. [Pins available via coupon in *Life News* or other sources.]

### **National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day Friday, April 3, 2026**

This meaningful day was created to raise awareness about the pro-life movement and promote the protection of unborn babies. It first started in 2005 and has since become a powerful way for individuals to express their beliefs and support for this cause. Wearing a pro-life t-shirt is not only a statement, but also a conversation starter that can spark important discussions and educate others on the value of life. So let's join together in spreading positivity and advocating for the most vulnerable among us – **the unborn**.  
<https://nationaltoday.com/national-pro-life-t-shirt-day/>

**Abortion always an evil:** A recent poll showed that 57% of Americans support limiting abortions to at most the first 3 mos. of pregnancy, but should include exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. Judie Brown of American Life League noted that these statistics are “indicative of how our culture perceives the preborn child in the womb: The child is worth protecting “sometimes” – when the child is wanted, when circumstances are not too difficult, and when politics allow... Why are we against abortion if we are okay with it sometimes? Either abortion is murder, or it is not... There is much more work to be done if Americans think we need ‘limits’ rather than acknowledging that abortion is always an evil.”



## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The House passed two bills on Jan. 21: **HR.6945**, the *Supporting Pregnant & Parenting Women and Families Act*, affirms the need for services of

Pregnancy Resource Centers, and protects the ability to support and fund them using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant money from states.

**HR. 6359**, the *Pregnant Students' Rights Act* would require all colleges that get Federal student aid to inform "prospective and enrolled students on the rights and resources for pregnant students to carry a baby to term." [Bills lack a Senate companion.]

Reps. Garbarino, LaLota- yes ||Gillen, Suozzi- no on both bills.

Rep. Chris Smith urges passage of **HR.2226/S.3627 - Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act of 2025**, to ban discrimination against healthcare entities not offering abortion.

In 2021, Democrats in Congress passed enhanced subsidies to help people afford Obamacare (ACA) during COVID. The program ended 12/31/25. The subsidies weren't banned from paying for abortion. House Speaker Johnson nixed extending the subsidies if the Hyde Amendment wasn't applied forbidding abortion payments.

On 1/7/26 the House passed, 221-205, a Democrat 'discharge petition' to force a vote on **HR.1834 - Breaking the Gridlock Act**. (Nine GOP joined the Democrats). It has a plethora of items, and three more years of subsidies. On 1/8/26, 17 GOP joined all the Democrats, voting 230-196 to pass HR.1834. (All four LI Reps. voted yes on Jan. 8. Only Garbarino voted no on Jan. 7.)

The Senate is said to be trying to craft a more narrowly focused set of subsidies that cannot pay for abortion.

Trump and GOP leaders met to discuss healthcare policy as the HR.1834 votes loomed. Trump is reported to have said "You have to be a little flexible on Hyde...". Reaction by GOP leaders and pro-life groups was sharply critical. Senate Majority leader Thune said any healthcare deal must include Hyde to get 60 Senate votes.

Reversing a Biden-era decision by the Dept. of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, the Trump DOJ said (12/18/25) Veterans Affairs doctors may not perform abortions. On 1/22/26, the 'Mexico City policy', a ban on funding abortion overseas, was expanded and NIH ended federally funded research using aborted fetal tissue. (Consensually donated tissue from miscarriage will still be allowed). On 1/27/26, HHS said pharmacies accepting federally funded programs do not have to stock abortion pills.

*Politico* says the ACLU and National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association dropped their suit vs. the Trump Administration, after HHS "quietly released" \$65M of withheld *Title X* funds to PP and others. *CatholicVote*'s Tom McClusky and others say this is strategy, not surrender. Biden's *Title X* rules were still in place when the Trump Administration cut the funds. A loss in the case seemed certain, thus adding fees and interest to the \$65M. Letting the suit continue would ensnare any new attempts at defunding. Settling

the suit clears the field for new defunding under Trump-era rules. (The Protect Life Rule might not be restored.)

The *One Big Beautiful Bill* bans taxpayer-funded abortion for one year. PP sued to have its Medicaid funding restored, but has dropped the suit, *California et al. v. Dept. of HHS*, after the US Court of Appeals, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit, ruled for HHS.

The day before the March for Life in Washington, DC, Randall Terry led 20 Rescue Resurrection members to pray outside HHS in DC, asking that the abortion pill be banned. They were arrested.

At the March for Life in Washington, DC, Vice President Vance said the Mexico City policy will now include international NGOs. Via Video, Trump said "Every child is a Gift from God."

Ed Mechmann wrote at the *Human Life Review* (1/28/26) that Vance shouldn't have been the featured speaker at the March for Life, "based on the record". He cited: Trump pushed for the Human Life Amendment to be cut from the 2024 GOP platform; the GOP Platform endorsed IVF; once in office again, Trump told agencies to make IVF less costly and more available; during the 2024 campaign, Vance said he and Trump backed SCOTUS ruling to keep mifepristone available in the US; the Administration has done nothing to end the availability of abortion pills via telemedicine or the USPS; the abortion pill safety review is being done by an agency run by a long time abortion supporter, and there are no restrictions as of yet; the President's recent call for 'flexibility' regarding the Hyde Amendment. Mechmann concluded: the President and Vice President are "functionally pro-abortion," but he "freely admits" that a Biden or Harris victory would have "been much, much worse" for pro-life.



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

On February 6, Governor Hochul signed an amended "**Medical Aid in Dying Bill**" with the additional "safeguards" she requested.

NYS has ended its 10-year push to require religious organizations to fund abortions. Last June, the US Supreme Court ordered NY's top court to reexamine the law under enhanced religious liberty protections. NY acknowledged the precedents undermined its position, leading to a settlement.

New York Family Action reported that on January 27, the NYS Senate passed the following bills: S.135/A.2137 allows NYS tax dollars to be used to facilitate abortions for low-income women, including out-of-state women; S.1438/A-Krueger directs the NYSDOH to create standards and curriculum for a clinical abortion training program; S.2058/A.9175 would mandate 'emergency contraception' vending machines on public college and university campuses; S.5981/A.6571 would establish a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program funding abortion providers; S.8544/A.9217 would make it lawful to dispense abortion pills even if the FDA were to revoke its approval of them.

**TAKE ACTION** – For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: [prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative](http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative) **OR** [usa.gov/elected-officials](http://usa.gov/elected-officials)

To discuss Federal & State Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at [cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net).



## HEALTH & SCIENCE: Back to Basics

The “Medical Aid in Dying” bill was first introduced in the 2015-2016 NYS legislative session. A decade later, in June 2025, the bill passed the NYS Senate and Assembly. In December 2025, Governor Hochul announced that she wanted it to be amended to include several “safeguards” before she signed it into law. The NYS Senate and Assembly amended the bill as requested. On February 6, 2026, Hochul signed the amended bill (S.138/A.136), which will take effect August 5, 2026. She stated, “Our state will always stand firm in safeguarding New Yorker’s freedoms and right to bodily autonomy...” – sadly an all-too-familiar soundbite.

Some of the legislators and activists who opposed the legislation argued that the ‘safeguards’ or ‘guardrails’ or ‘protections’ were not strong enough. That misses the point. The reason pro-lifers oppose the euphemistic “Medical Aid in Dying” bill is that it legalizes the killing of a human being. Any ‘safeguard’ still results in state-protected killing. The ‘safeguards’ included in the bill that was signed into law – and any that some of those who opposed the law would like to see added – still result in the ability of an individual to request a prescription for deadly drugs in order to kill themselves. It makes doctors complicit in the killing of another individual.

In the NYS 2025 Fiscal Year budget, over \$70 million was allocated for suicide prevention and related mental health initiatives targeting veterans, first responders, law enforcement, correction officers, at-risk youth, minorities, farmers, and agricultural workers, including \$60 million for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. How can a state recognize how important it is to identify and help prevent the suicide of all these individuals and yet sanction the suicide of others?

Just as ‘exceptions’ in abortion (rape, incest, health of the mother, gestational age, fetal abnormality) still result in the deaths of preborn children, any ‘safeguards’ still result in the deaths of vulnerable individuals in assisted suicide. We must work to make abortion **and** assisted suicide unthinkable. We must continue to educate others on what really happens in abortion – a preborn child is starved, poisoned, or dismembered and then expelled or extracted. It should make us sick to our stomachs to view or contemplate this - all the more reason we must educate others about the reality of abortion. Similarly, assisted suicide is not some magic pill prescribed by a doctor leading to a quiet death. The Patients’ Rights Action Fund states, “In reality, dosage has evolved from taking 100 capsules of secobarbital, a barbiturate, to use of experimental drug cocktails.” The “drug cocktail” – often a combination of diazepam, digoxin, morphine sulfate, amitriptyline and phenobarbital - can burn the patient’s mouth, cause vomiting, or take several days to ‘work’. Some patients even ‘re-awake’ from a coma. But again, even if it were a magic pill that provided a swift death, the reality is it still results in the intentional death of another person, involving the use of doctor-prescribed drugs.

Our work is cut out for us. We need to address the reasons women seek abortion (poverty, lack of education, lack of support, health issues, abuse, etc.) – but no matter what the circumstances, deliberately killing a preborn child at any stage of their growth and development is unacceptable. Likewise, we need to address the issues facing those contemplating suicide (mental health, terminal illness, disability, lack of adequate hospice or palliative care, etc.) Assisted Suicide aims to ‘end the suffering by killing the sufferer.’ Aiding a vulnerable individual to kill themselves by any method can never be an option.

Abortion advocacy has evolved from ‘safe, legal and rare’ to ‘shout out my abortion’. So too will assisted suicide slide down the slippery slope – and quickly – from ‘the right to die’ to the ‘duty to die’. Abortion has expanded from surgically dismembering and removing a preborn child from the womb to an ‘abortion pill regimen’ that a woman takes at home, often flushing her child down the toilet. As we have seen in other states and countries, so-called assisted suicide ‘safeguards’ will soon be expanded – or blatantly ignored – to include the mentally ill, the disabled (including newborns), the elderly, and the poor. Steve Aden, an attorney with Americans United for Life, stated, “After legalization, proponents of assisted suicide predictably work to strip away limits they portray as burdensome rather than essential. This approach is not an expression of compassion. It threatens the future of palliative care and creates strong financial incentives for insurers to deny costly, life sustaining treatment while promoting assisted suicide as a cheaper alternative.” Ethicist Wesley J. Smith warns that assisted suicide leads to “the commodification of suicidal people who have been accepted for legalized killing,” resulting in the acceptance of euthanasia for organ transplants. Every life must be protected, from fertilization to natural death.

“Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name”

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

**PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE.** Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. **Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important. Note:** Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

**Nassau County - Location**

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

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**Day/Time**

(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon

(W) Th 10:30-Noon

(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon

(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

**Contact Phone**

917-544-0121

516-220-8273

516-220-8273

516-359-1298

**IMPORTANT:**

Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.

**Suffolk County - Location**

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

**Day/Time**

(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe

We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM

(W) We 2-4 PM

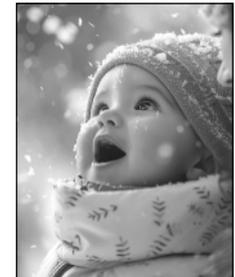
(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon

**Contact Phone (631)**

259-1169

323-8001

615-1735



**BRENTWOOD LOCATION CLOSED!**

**Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:**

**Women First Pregnancy Options: (Four locations):** Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at East end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only);

**Hempstead** 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM;

**Deer Park** 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa),

**Smithtown** 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave., open Mo.-Fr. 8 AM-4 PM closed Saturdays.

**Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:**

**EWTN Pro-Life Weekly, Thurs. 10 PM, (Re-airs Sun, 10:30 AM and Tue. 1:30 PM) Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285**

**Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog:** rickhinshaw.com

**Knights for Life Nassau Cnty.** - Pro-Life podcast hosted by Keith Wilson - Tues., 11 AM-noon; X, Facebook, Roku, iHeart Radio, YouTube & Rumble 516-633-1435

**Weekly Prayer Opportunities:**

**Rosary for Life:** Fri 3PM, Zoom, <https://us05web.zoom.us/jK/84180680547?pwd=zK6raKuutlvKjOIR49NzhwtaRRanlY.1>

Meeting ID: 841 8068 0547 Passcode: VPZAN4

**Holy Hour for Life:** Mon. 7 PM, St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park; Also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.

**Right to Life Rosary:** Thurs. 7 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue For info call 631-475-4739.

***In Memoriam: John Quinn and Anthony Gentile***

**Hope and Healing after Abortion**

For more information contact Sisters of Life at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org) or 866-575-0075.

**All information is confidential!**

If your group/organization is doing something for the pro-life mission, please let us know. Also, please send us photos of events so we can highlight local events in *Life News*.

**St. Joseph's (Garden City) Respect Life Ministry**

St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry (Garden City) has started its **14th year** of a WEEKLY pro-life prayer vigil in



front of the Planned Parenthood Hempstead abortion facility. The group, which also includes wonderful pro-lifers from other parishes, prays the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet from 11 AM. to Noon on Fridays. Art O'Brien, vigil organizer with his wife Ann, said the prayer warriors' ongoing mission is for "saving babies lives and trusting our efforts will shut down this abortion business." Looking back over the past years, when many Fridays were spent in the cold, snow, heat, or rain, Art thanks "every blessed soul in our pro-life family who has gathered in Our Lord's name." Pro-lifers are welcome to join this vigil or another (see sites above) or organize one at a time convenient for you. Planned

Parenthood Hempstead is open 6 days a week; why shouldn't pro-lifers be outside there 6 days a week?

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE!**

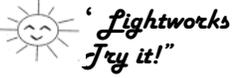
**ELECTION DAY IS TUE., NOV. 3, 2026**

**Early Voting Oct. 24 - Nov. 1**

If you have moved, need an absentee ballot, or need more information, see the Board of Election website. Nassau County: 516-571-8683 [www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/index.html](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/index.html) Suffolk County: 631-852-4500 [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE)

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## ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - WE MUST CONTINUE TO EDUCATE ON ITS DANGERS

In response to an op-ed piece by Governor Hochul on the Assisted Suicide bill in the *Times Union* (12/17/25), the *New York Families Foundation* posted the following:

[The Governor] reflects genuine empathy and personal pain. But empathy, however sincere, cannot justify a public policy that abandons the state's responsibility to protect vulnerable people and that fundamentally alters the role of medicine. The question before New York is not whether suffering is real — it is — but whether government should respond by authorizing suicide for a specific class of citizens.

Governor Hochul frames assisted suicide as an extension of bodily autonomy and limited government. In reality, this legislation dramatically expands the state's role. It creates a legal and regulatory framework that authorizes, facilitates, and shields suicide by redefining it as medical care. This is not government "getting out of the way." It is government declaring that some New Yorkers — those who are terminally ill or disabled — are eligible for a fundamentally different response to suicidal ideation than others. That is not equality under the law. It is discrimination.

The Governor presents the bill as a compassionate response to unbearable pain. However, modern medicine already has effective tools to address pain and distress through palliative care, hospice, and symptom management. What many New Yorkers lack is access to these services, especially in rural and underserved communities. Assisted suicide presents a false choice: endure suffering or choose death. New York should expand access to care and support — not offer lethal drugs as a substitute for them.

Governor Hochul's account of her mother's death from ALS is deeply moving, and many New Yorkers share similar stories of grief. But laws must be written for broad populations, not individual cases. They must account for people who are isolated, depressed, fearful of being a burden, or without adequate care. Public policy should protect people at their most vulnerable moments — not offer them a faster route to death. The Governor acknowledges discomfort with the bill as originally passed. That discomfort is appropriate. But amendments cannot cure a law that is fundamentally flawed. If a policy devalues certain lives, undermines suicide prevention, and erodes trust in medicine, the answer is not tweaking legislative language. It is a veto. New York can and must do better — by investing in palliative care, mental health services, suicide prevention, and support for patients and families, not by normalizing state-sanctioned suicide.

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