

## No Labels

Democrats and Republicans working together to solve problems.

It is the simple animating idea behind No Labels. But now, it is so much more.

### ***It is what's required to save America.***

Destructive and often mindless tribalism has dominated our politics for a generation. There is neither time nor tolerance for that now. The only way through this pandemic is together, and the only thing that matters in Washington is our leaders coming together to *Stop the Virus and Get America Back to Work*.

No Labels has spent a decade building the bipartisan network – of elected officials, business leaders and citizens – necessary to help get America through this. Now, more than ever, it is time for this network to mobilize to help save the country.

### **No Labels Forges A New Governing Coalition**

In early March 2020, Vice President Mike Pence was tasked by the president to lead Washington's response to the coronavirus crisis. One of his first moves was to invite a bipartisan group of 14 House members to the White House Situation Room to plot a path forward for the first of several urgent legislative measures to come.

All 14 House members were part of the Problem Solvers Caucus, an unprecedented 48-member bloc that was conceived of and built by No Labels and that is increasingly counted on by leaders on Capitol Hill and in the White House to help move critical legislation forward.

Over many years, No Labels built a rare trust with these members and a forum for them to collaborate with one another, with the Senate and with other government and business leaders. Since early last year, No Labels has been hosting monthly meetings with Problem Solvers and their Senate colleagues to create something that never existed before in Washington: a dedicated bipartisan governing coalition featuring rank-and-file members from *both* chambers of Congress. We have also recently invited governors to join these meetings, including the head of the National Governors Association.

Once the coronavirus crisis started, No Labels moved seamlessly to keep these elected officials connected with one another – and with our business and citizen leaders across the country – via daily remote ZOOM meetings.

No Labels has a diverse set of tools that have always been connected to two strategic imperatives:

- 1) Expanding the network of leaders in D.C., and business leaders and citizens nationwide, who embrace our politics of problem solving; and

- 2) Protecting and electing Problem Solvers and their Senate allies, with a particular focus on the primary elections where many are threatened from ideologues on the far left and far right.

But with campaigns understandably moving to the background during this crisis, No Labels will now and for the foreseeable future mobilize its entire organization to push Washington to do what's necessary to *Stop The Virus and Get America Back to Work*.

### Accomplishments

- No Labels becomes an organizing force inside and outside D.C.
  - House Problem Solvers Caucus with 50 members. Six dedicated allies in the Senate: Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Ron Johnson (R-WI), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
  - A national grassroots network of 1 million supporters, online and off
  - An advisory and financial support network that includes the most respected and successful business leaders in cities and states across America
- House Problem Solvers Caucus' major legislative achievements:
  - **December 2018:** Provided early support and key votes for most significant criminal justice reform in decades (First Step Act).
  - **January 2019:** Used their leverage in the vote for speaker of the House to force through the most significant rule changes in two decades, including the "290 rule" which guarantees a floor vote for any bill with support of two-thirds of the House.
  - **June 2019:** Beat back unreasonable demands from the Progressive Caucus to secure a critical humanitarian aid package for the southern border.
  - **July 2019:** Led passage of a congressional resolution denouncing the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) movement against Israel, and played a lead role in extending the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund.
  - **December 2019:** Provided early support and key votes for USMCA trade deal to replace NAFTA.
  - **March 2020:** Emerged as trusted legislative partners for White House coronavirus response with 14 Problem Solvers invited to private meeting with Vice President Pence to discuss the issue.

### Why No Labels?

For years, countless reforms groups have been proposing ambitious "structural" fixes for our democracy ranging from reforming campaign finance rules and creating a third party to ending gerrymandering. Some wondered why No Labels did not do the same.

The simple answer is we thought these fixes would take too long. Even though many of these ideas have merit, they do not meet the urgency of our current political moment.

We believe America desperately needs a robust bipartisan governing coalition in Congress capable of solving problems and uniting during an acute national crisis. And No Labels has devoted all of its resources to creating and expanding this coalition.

That crisis is here and America stands a much better chance of getting through it thanks to the trust and relationships that No Labels has forged among House and Senate members, governors and a fast-growing network of business leaders and citizen supporters across the country.

The No Labels network activated in the early days of the coronavirus crisis and it will be essential to sustaining America in the very difficult days ahead. America and the No Labels community will get through this together and we invite you to join us.