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Illinois Secretary of State
213 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62756

Dear Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias,

We are writing to inform you about our grave concern about the activities of a political organization called “No Labels” that may be operating in your state and has been flagged by another state election official for potentially misleading voters. This May, Maine’s Secretary of State Shenna Bellows sent a cease-and-desist letter¹ to No Labels, due to complaints about the group’s organizing and enrollment practices.

According to the letter, No Labels organizers purportedly misled voters into changing their party affiliation when voters thought they were signing a petition just to get No Labels on the state ballot for 2024. Voters were not informed that they were changing their political party to No Labels and, therefore, would be barred from participating in Democratic or Republican primaries, which are open only to registered members of those parties or to Independents.

According to the letter, “municipal clerks have received reports from numerous Maine voters who did not realize they had been enrolled in the No Labels Party.” We implore you to investigate the work and practices of No Labels staff and canvassers, as they may be actively working to get on the ballot in your state.

We want to ensure these same practices cited in the Maine secretary of state’s letter are not happening in your state.

As you know, there is nothing more important than free and fair elections. And no entity should be able to mislead voters in your, or any, state into changing their political party affiliation. Because you are the elected representative empowered to protect the integrity of elections in your state, we ask that you ensure that No Labels’ electoral activity in your state is legal and above board.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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¹ <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23835400/no-labels-letter-may-11-2023-1.pdf>