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**CONFERENCE**

**AGENDA**

**December 12, 2024  
Washington, DC**

**6:30 AM – 7:30 AM**

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

The Mayflower Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

**7:45 AM**

**Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance:** No Labels leaders will welcome guests, lead the pledge, and present the colors.

**Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX):** A leading Republican ally in the U.S. House, Rep. Gonzales will draw on his leadership of the nation's largest border district to explain how the parties can solve our biggest issues by working together.

**Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME):** From his perspective as one of Congress' bravest and most bipartisan members, Rep. Golden will help define the politics that our movement seeks to advance.

**Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE):** Rep. Bacon will discuss the stakes of solving an issue that underlies all others: the enormous federal debt. The rise in mandatory spending is dominating the federal budget and leaving less room for strengthening our military, supporting our allies, and funding the many other priorities of government.

**Conversation with Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME):** We will turn our focus to the Senate, discussing with No Labels' stalwart ally Sen. Susan Collins how the upper chamber can orient the administration and Congress toward solving problems. No Labels Governing Board member Kathleen Shanahan will moderate.

**Panel: Bipartisan & Bicameral Opportunities Ahead:** What are the opportunities in the next Congress to work together not just across the aisle but across chambers to make progress on key issues? Moderated by No Labels' Governing Board Chair Andy Bursky. Panelists: **Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY), Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), and Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD).**

**Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ):** Rep. Gottheimer is the current co-chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus and will discuss his vision for how to spread the problem-solving ethos beyond Washington.

**Conversation with Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK):** One of our movement's staunchest Senate allies will discuss her wide-ranging leadership on issues ranging from energy and the climate to the deficits and debt to national security. Moderated by No Labels Governing Board member Dan Webb.

**Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA):** A Marine Corps veteran, Rep. Moulton is broadly respected by members of Congress in both parties and ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020. He'll discuss his vision for the future of his party.

**Eric Hovde, Wisconsin:** An entrepreneur and the recent Republican nominee for Senate in Wisconsin, Hovde will share lessons from his recent Senate race and shine a light on the destructive partisan forces that exist in the shadows and disrupt the politics of problem solving.

**Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC):** Senator Thom Tillis, the Co-Chairman of the Senate NATO Observer Group, will speak about how bipartisan collaboration is needed to address America's most pressing national security threats, including from China, Russia, and Iran.

**Ben duPont, Delaware:** A new national leader of No Labels, duPont will offer his perspective and vision from his home state of Delaware on the lack of innovation in modern politics and how to utilize what he calls "non-obvious thinking" to create progress.

**Dan Webb & Ryan Clancy:** A presentation of new ideas to safeguard our democracy and take on the elite DC interests.

**Princeton Prof. Sam Wang:** One of the leading neuroscientists in the country, Prof. Wang has applied his expertise to understanding the way American voters participate in our democracy. Here he will share a presentation on a groundbreaking new reform idea to increase participation in party primaries: National Primary Day.

**Virtual Conversation with Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA):** Senator Cassidy will share his vision for solving one of America's most stubborn and costly challenges, which is reforming our entitlement programs such as Social Security. This will be a virtual fireside chat moderated by No Labels' board member Andy Bursky.

## LUNCH

**Panel: Prospects for Progress in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress:** A panel on the opportunities for collaboration in the new congress moderated by Mike Rawlings. Panelists: **Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX), Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA), Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY), Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV),**

**Rep. Don Davis (D-NC), Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Rep. Ed Case (D-HI) and Rep.-elect Rob Bresnahan (R-PA).**

**Conversation with Sen. Todd Young (R-IN):** Senator Young is chair of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology and has been heavily involved in policy around AI and semiconductor chips. In a discussion with Mike Rawlings, he will speak about bipartisan opportunities around emerging technology.

**Conversation with Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA):** The former vice-presidential running mate to Hillary Clinton and a widely respected leader among both parties in the Upper Chamber, Senator Kaine will share his thoughts on where Congress can make the most progress in the coming years. Moderated by Andy Bursky.

**Conversation with Sen. Elect John Curtis (R-UT):** Utah's incoming senator will discuss his philosophy on effective lawmaking and his plans for making an impact in the Senate from day one. This discussion will be moderated by former North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory.

**Gov. Larry Hogan (R-MD):** The former governor and recent Senate nominee from Maryland will discuss his work with No Labels over the years, including on the bipartisan infrastructure bill and his recent campaign, as well as preview the next phase in his ongoing commitment to bipartisanship and finding solutions.

**Conversation with Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA):** Both political parties exert enormous pressure to “whip” their rank-and-file members into obedience in the U.S. Congress. Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez will explore how the most courageous members overcome this pressure in a conversation moderated by Ryan Clancy.

**Interactive Presentation with Frank Luntz:** One of America's top political messaging minds will end our conference on a high note, helping attendees understand how they have the power to transform politics through their words, their votes, and their activism.

**3:00 PM**

**Meeting Concludes**