



# NO LABELS KANSAS PARTY

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**LAWRENCE** - In a letter dated May 8, 2026 to No Labels Kansas (NLK) Chairman David G. Miller, Secretary of State Scott Schwab signaled his intent to continue blocking attempts by NLK to participate in the state's political process.

“The Secretary of State will not accept, process, or recognize any political party filings submitted by you or anyone affiliated with any of the above-referenced corporations purporting to be on behalf of ‘No Labels Kansas;’” wrote Schwab.

The letter failed to address a mail-in plebiscite organized, paid for, and conducted earlier this year by NLK volunteers. That plebiscite, in which all 6,000+ registered No Labels Kansas voters were mailed ballots, culminated in the adoption of new by-laws and the election of the party's current leadership slate.

Schwab's letter continued, threatening Miller that NLK “cannot nominate candidates for state-wide office, and that pursuant to K.S.A. 25-302b, it may lose its recognized political party status.” Schwab continued, “You are further advised that impersonating a political party officer or falsely claiming authority to act on behalf of a recognized political party may constitute a violation of K.S.A. 25-2424 and may subject the responsible individual(s) to criminal penalties.”

Miller responded, saying, “The Secretary continues to wage a one-man war on thousands of No Labels Kansas voters disillusioned with the offerings of this state's two major parties. Those voters simply seek to exercise their legally guaranteed right to participate in the political process.”

“From this movement's pre-natal days, when more than 35,000 Kansas voters signaled their desire for another party option, the Secretary has actively sought to abort No Labels Kansas and prevent it from taking its first breath,” said Miller, referencing a lawsuit filed against Schwab in November of 2023. That suit sought to force the Secretary of State to review signatures gathered by petition circulators, a duty he initially refused, later reversing course after the suit was filed. No Labels Kansas was ultimately recognized as the state's fifth political party on January 16, 2024.

“These were basic duties of his office, duties he owes the people of Kansas to perform, and Secretary Schwab simply refused because he apparently believes NLK poses a threat to his own political ambitions or those of his party,” Miller said. “It demonstrated then the attitude toward NLK that he continues to harbor to this day. When it comes to politics and elections, he believes he *is* the law. Those who don't like his arbitrary decisions can either knuckle under or spend their own resources to challenge him in court. With a battery of taxpayer-funded attorneys at his disposal, he knows full-well that ‘process is punishment’ and that most simply can't afford to fight him.”

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Miller went further, stating, “Mr. Schwab’s opposition to Kansans freely exercising their rights under the U.S. Constitution and Kansas statute continued into 2024 when he unilaterally declared efforts to further organize and build NLK to be null and void. In direct violation of longstanding Kansas law and based on nothing more than his own illegitimate declaration, the Secretary pulled the names of No Labels Kansas nominees, which had been filed and certified by his own Director of Elections, off the general election ballot after the filing deadline had passed.”

Miller said that Schwab’s behavior, which he characterized as arbitrary and capricious, resulted in the Secretary directly interfering in the 2024 general election. “By blocking NLK’s effort to field candidates in 2024, the Secretary abused his office, chilled free speech, denied No Labels Kansas registrants their right to participate in the political process under Kansas law, and disenfranchised hundreds of thousands of voters, denying them an option they were owed,” Miller said.

“At least the Secretary’s preoccupation with blocking No Labels Kansas has been consistent. His demonstrated opposition to the very existence of our party manifested early on and is ongoing.”

Regarding Schwab’s warning that criminal charges may be pursued against him and others in leadership of No Labels Kansas, Miller said, “It is simply outrageous that Mr. Schwab is threatening to create criminals out of his perceived political opponents, citing an obscure statute which is unconstitutional on its face. That’s something Americans have grown tired of witnessing on the national political stage as first one party, then the other, has attempted to weaponize government against the opposition. This kind of corrupt lawfare must stop.”

“But the most telling line in his letter,” continued Miller, “is the one in which the Secretary seems to gloat that No Labels Kansas may cease to exist if it does not field candidates for statewide office in this year’s elections. It is not lost on us that he is attempting to create that very reality by continuing to deny us the ability to nominate such statewide candidates, despite our desire and stated intention to do so and that one of the races potentially impacted by his belligerence and combative behavior is the race for Kansas Governor, in which he is a candidate. It bears asking why the Secretary seems so personally dead-set on suffocating this movement. What does he fear from simply allowing Kansans to have another choice on their ballots?”

Miller called on Schwab to end his “one-man war on now more than 7,000 Kansans’ right to participate in the political process” and appealed directly to Attorney General Kris Kobach to intervene. “Time is of the essence. Given that we are less than two weeks out from the deadline for filing candidates for office, we are appealing directly to the Attorney General to advise all parties involved of the laws and constitutional principles in play here.”

Miller concluded, “No Labels Kansas is prepared to request an emergency injunction against the Secretary of State to compel him, once again, to do his job. We hope to avoid a politically messy court fight that may end up significantly costing taxpayers, but that’s a battle we’re prepared to fight,” said Miller, pointing to K.S.A. 60-5320 and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983. “If we are forced into that situation, we will pursue every remedy available to us under state and federal law penalizing government agents who intentionally suppress the constitutional rights of others. It’s time for the Secretary to stand aside, do his job, and stop waging this one-man war on No Labels Kansas.”