

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda—underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

ALEC's Corporate Board --in recent past or present

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 - Kraft Foods, Inc.
 - Coca-Cola Co.
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 - Reed Elsevier, Inc.
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 - Peabody Energy
 - Intuit, Inc.
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 - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
 - Salt River Project
 - Altria Client Services, Inc.
 - American Bail Coalition
 - State Farm Insurance
- For more on these corporations, search at www.SourceWatch.org.

& MEETINGS

DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Consistency in Firearms Regulation Act

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Summary

This Act would prohibit local jurisdictions from independently enacting restrictions on the possession of firearms. This Act would also preempt the right of local jurisdictions to bring certain civil actions against firearms or ammunition manufacturers, trade associations, and dealers.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Title.} This Act may be cited as the Consistency in Firearms Regulation Act.

Section 2. {Declaration} The *(insert state body)* declares that the lawful design, marketing, manufacture, or sale of firearms or ammunition to the public is not unreasonably dangerous activity and does not constitute a nuisance per se, and further finds that the unlawful use of firearms and ammunition, rather than their lawful design, marketing, manufacture, or sale, is the proximate cause of injuries arising from their unlawful use.

Section 3. {State preemption of local firearms laws.} Any political subdivision shall not impose special taxation on, enact any law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to, or regulate in any other manner the ownership, registration, purchase, sale, transfer, transportation, carrying, or possession of handguns or other firearms, ammunition for handguns or other firearms, or components of handguns or other firearms, except as otherwise provided in state or federal law.

Section 4. {State preemption of local suits pertaining to firearms or ammunition} The authority to bring suit and right to recover against any firearms or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer by or on behalf of any governmental unit created by or pursuant to an Act of the *(insert name of state legislature)* or the constitution, or any department, agency, or authority thereof, for damages, abatement, or injunctive relief resulting from or relating to the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, or sale of firearms or ammunition to the public shall be reserved exclusively to the state. Furthermore, no action against any firearms or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer shall be brought without the authorization of the *(insert name of legislature)* by adoption of a concurrent resolution or by enactment of a law. This paragraph shall not prohibit a political subdivision or local government authority from bringing an action against a firearms or ammunition manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or warranty as to firearms or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision or local government authority. This paragraph shall not prohibit actions for injuries resulting from a firearm malfunction due to defects in design or manufacture.

Section 5. {Applicability} This Act shall apply to any action pending on or brought on or after the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 6. {Severability clause.}

Section 7. {Repealer clause.}

Section 8. {Effective date.}

ALEC's Sourcebook of American State Legislation 1995; adopted by ALEC's Criminal Justice Task Force in March, 1999. Approved by full ALEC Board of Directors April 29, 1999.

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary:

This bill would prohibit local city or county governments from enacting firearm regulations designed to protect public safety. This demonstrates how ALEC's rhetoric about federalism and the importance of local democracy is adhered to when convenient and dispensed when not, applying it to state-federal relations but ignoring it for local-state relations.