

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.

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 - American Bail Coalition
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- For more on these corporations, search at www.SourceWatch.org.

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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Biotechnology State Uniformity Resolution

Did you know the trade group for the gas industry was a corporate co-chair in 2011?

WHEREAS, ALEC has stated its support for the responsible use of the beneficial qualities of agricultural biotechnology such as in improved crop production techniques, pharmaceuticals, anti-immune disease control, biodegradable plastics, and other potential benefits to people in their states, the nation, the world and the global environment through high-yield agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural biotechnology is thoroughly regulated by the coordinated framework of three federal agencies working in cooperation with the fifty state governments to ensure health and safety for people, wildlife and the environment; and

WHEREAS, These necessary and valuable tools are already well regulated and too important to American growers and society to be further hampered by the threat of thousands of local jurisdictions across the nation that might wish to further regulate this technology; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County in California has already passed a law to ban all agriculture biotechnological crops in the county, and several local jurisdictions across the country have passed resolutions in support of local restrictions on the technology, thereby creating a potential patchwork of arbitrary, inconsistent and non-science based local rules across the country; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority of local governments lack the technical expertise to assess and regulate these technologies compared to the state governments;

WHEREAS, Further local regulations of the technology would create additional bureaucracy and unnecessary expenses for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, A patchwork of thousands of local laws across the country would be a significant hindrance to intrastate as well as interstate commerce and hence would be detrimental to conducting business and likely would be held unconstitutional by the courts; and

WHEREAS, Numerous states have enacted legislation, known as Right To Farm laws, that reflect the above conclusions and are necessary to safeguard the right of American farmers to operate their farms and ranches as they have done for generations to provide food and fiber to society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ALEC supports activity by state governments to safeguard against local governments regulating agriculture biotechnology.

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