

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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Mandatory Sentencing for Repeated Felony Theft From a Retail Store Act

Section 1. Any person convicted of felony theft from a retail store, who within the immediately preceding four years was twice convicted of felony theft from a retail store, shall be sentenced to at least the minimum term provided for such offense.

Section 2. A person convicted under this section shall not be eligible for probation or suspension of sentence.

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick analysis

This is part of a set of bills favored by corporations to increase criminal penalties for retail theft. This bill in particular reduces a judge's discretion in sentencing by requiring a mandatory minimum sentence. It takes away the judge's ability to impose alternate or lesser punishments based on the individual circumstances of a particular case. This bill would benefit large retailers such as Wal-Mart, which sits on the ALEC Private Sector board.