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"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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**Resolution on Franchise and Business Agreement Legislation**

**Summary**

This resolution recognizes that business and franchise agreements as contracts, which, freely and openly entered into by the parties, should not be impaired.

**Model Legislation**

**WHEREAS**, the contract, either written or oral, is the fundamental basis for doing business in the United States, and;

**WHEREAS**, franchising has been a major source of economic expansion in the United States, particularly in the retail trade and service sectors, and;

**WHEREAS**, business and franchise agreements are contracts that govern the duties and obligations of the parties to the contract, and;

**WHEREAS**, parties to business and franchise agreements have legal remedies available under common law and state and federal statutes to resolve contractual disputes, and;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Constitution and most state constitutions specifically prohibit impairment of contracts freely and openly entered into by the parties, and;

**WHEREAS**, legislation which alters the pre-existing and prospective terms of the contract serves only to discourage the establishment of business and franchise agreements, and limits the parties' ability to choose from a variety of business relationships,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the American Legislative Exchange Council opposes enactment of laws that interfere with business and franchise agreements freely and openly entered into by parties.

1996 Sourcebook of American State Legislation

Did you know that global corporation Kraft Foods was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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