

## 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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- GlaxoSmithKline
- Energy Future Holdings
- Johnson & Johnson
- Coca-Cola Company
- PhRMA
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Reed Elsevier, Inc.
- DIAGEO
- Peabody Energy
- Intuit, Inc.
- Koch Industries, Inc.
- ExxonMobil
- Verizon
- Reynolds American Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Salt River Project
- Altria Client Services, Inc.
- American Bail Coalition
- State Farm Insurance

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& 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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### ALEC Resolution on McDonald vs. Chicago

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate

**WHEREAS**, the American Legislative Exchange Council is the nation's largest individual membership organization of state legislators, dedicated to advancing the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty,

**WHEREAS**, the private, individual ownership and use of firearms has existed in every American state throughout the nation's history and continues to this day as a cherished and fundamental aspect of American culture; and

**WHEREAS**, in the historic District of Columbia v. Heller decision, the United States Supreme Court affirmed that the Second Amendment protects the right of Americans, as individuals, to keep and bear arms in case of confrontation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heller decision concerned the application of the Second Amendment only as against federal regulation and left unresolved the judicial question of whether the Second Amendment also prohibits infringement of the right to keep and bear arms by state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court will address the application of the Second Amendment to states and localities through either the Due Process Clause or the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in the case of McDonald vs. Chicago, Docket Number 08-1521; and

**WHEREAS**, this case will have major implications for the legality of gun bans in states and other restrictive gun laws in Chicago and other cities across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, state lawmakers have a profound interest in this case as guardians of their constituents' health, welfare, and constitutional rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was extensively debated and ultimately ratified by the state legislatures;

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the American Legislative Exchange Council recognizes that the right of self-defense and the right to keep and bear arms are fundamental rights belonging to all free citizens everywhere, and that these rights have been deeply rooted in America's constitutional tradition;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the American Legislative Exchange Council affirms that the state legislatures that ratified the Fourteenth Amendment understood the Amendment to incorporate the right of self-defense and the right to keep and bear arms against state and local infringement; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the American Legislative Exchange Council affirms that the Second Amendment and the fundamental right of self-defense apply to Americans throughout the United States, regardless of where they live against state and local governments so as to prohibit their infringement of the right to keep and bear arms.

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