

### 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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- Bayer Corporation
- 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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**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?**

## Government of the People Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

### Summary

A resolution for the purpose of petitioning the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States for submission to the states to establish **a mechanism for nullification of federal laws and regulations** where the states determine such laws or regulations exceed the authority of the federal government under the Constitution of the United States.

### Model Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the federal government was established by the states through ratification of the Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government was granted certain limited powers under the Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States requires, under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment that: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States established a system in which the states only ceded certain powers to the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the framers recognized that separation of powers is essential and ensured that the rights of the people would be protected by establishing checks and balances not only between the branches of the federal government, but also between the federal government and state governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the federal government have by many actions usurped powers reserved to the states and to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, by the combined actions of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the federal government, the relationship between the federal government and state government established by the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Judiciary, itself a branch of the federal government, has failed to stop many of these federal excesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government is more distant from the people than state governments and is thereby less efficient and effective in providing for functions that, under the Constitution of the United States, were to have been reserved to the States and to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve government of the people, by the people and for the people, **government must become closer to the people**; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF {INSERT STATE}, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TWO HOUSES CONCURRING SEPARATELY HEREIN**, that the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned to propose the *Government of the People Amendment* to the Constitution of the United States, for submittal to the states for ratification, providing for the states to nullify federal laws and regulations, in such cases as the states deem that the federal government has exceeded the limits of its authority.

From CMD: This is seemingly an attack on the Constitution's supremacy clause. This power could be used potentially to invalidate numerous protections for the people, despite the patriotic sounding name of the amendment.

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