

**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.

**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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**Resolution Supporting Pro Consumer Public Policy for Voice, Video, and Data Services**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the American Legislative Exchange Council to advance the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of ALEC to encourage and accelerate the development of competitive and advanced services, and as new technologies become available, all public policy must be driven by free market principles for the benefit of consumers in this Nation and its states, and,

**WHEREAS**, ALEC believes that a competitive marketplace, not multiple layers of regulation, will most efficiently provide consumers with voice, video and data choice in the marketplace today, and

**WHEREAS**, a number of American industries have, and continue to, broadly deploy competitive broadband networks using a variety of technologies to offer voice, video, and data services in today's fiercely competitive marketplace for these services, and

**WHEREAS**, any government policy that unnecessarily delays and impedes providers from offering new and existing voice, video or data service choices over their own networks restricts investment, reduces consumer choice and is not in the public interest, and

**WHEREAS**, regulations that delay the deployment of voice, video and data services will delay America's broadband future for years and undermine the public interest, not protect it, and

**WHEREAS**, the national interest in building the broadband future is paramount and consumer choice is key, and

**WHEREAS**, competition ensures that consumers receive more choices - in both service and price. Today's broadband networks offer consumers active and viable choice. Government policies should encourage the private sector to provide competitive choices for voice, video and data, and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC believes now is the time to update the laws governing communications networks -- to remove hurdles to more rapid deployment of competitive voice, video and data facilities and provide more consumer choice, and

**WHEREAS**, today's technology provides for a number of methods to deliver similar services, and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC continues to affirm its policy of competitive neutrality in all voice, video, and data services.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ALEC shall voice its support of minimal, federal, state and local regulation of broadband networks, regardless of the technology used, and convey this support to the members of the United States Congress, the Executive Branch, the FCC, the state legislatures, national organizations representing local governments and public utility commissions.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that ALEC urge the U. S. Congress and the FCC to act quickly to adopt uniform national rules governing these competitive networks. If they do not, the patchwork of often-conflicting regulations could delay America's broadband future for years and undermine the public interest, not protect it.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ALEC urge state regulatory and legislative bodies to encourage and accelerate the development of competitive and advanced broadband services. The national interest in building the broadband future is paramount. The inherently interstate nature of broadband services

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- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
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requires a comprehensive national solution.

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