

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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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 ON AUTISM COVERAGE

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders are biological disorders of the brain that impair communication and social skills; and

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders affect 1.5 million Americans, including one in 500 children,^[ii] and autism spectrum disorders may affect as many as one in 67 children; and

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders are more prevalent than spina bifida, cancer, or Down syndrome;^[iii] and

WHEREAS, Direct annual costs for autism average \$29,000 for medical treatment and behavioral therapies and \$38,000 to \$43,000 for special education, camps, and child care;^[iii] and

WHEREAS, There is no single treatment that works for everyone with autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, Many aspects of autism spectrum disorders may not be covered by insurance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT {insert state legislative body} urges the United States Congress to act quickly to

1. Add autism bionutritional care as a qualified health expense for health savings accounts (HSAs);
2. Offer tax deductions for families and donors to cover dietary treatment and any recommended therapy, which would provide similar opportunities to pay for care; and
3. Increase the annual limits on HSA contributions to provide a way for families to finance part of the costs of treatment for their children.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the appropriate leadership of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors on August 27, 2009.*

- [ii] <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/2006-releases/press04252006.html>
- [iii] <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15121991>
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