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## 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 corporationsincludes 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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- UPS
- 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.
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- 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?

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pharmaceutical company Bayer Healthcare was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Any child for whom welfare eligibility is sought may be in the custody of the mother, the father, or both jointly. The current welfare system fails to determine whether the parent receiving welfare coverage actually has custody of the child. If one parent presents a child for welfare eligibility while the other parent (or the parents jointly) actually have legal custody of the child, a fraud has been committed.

## Model Legislation

Summary

Section 1. Title: This act may be cited as the Proof of Custody Act.

Section 2. Purpose Section. To eliminate cases of welfare fraud based on a noncustodial parent seeking assistance for a child which is not legally their own.

Section 3. Main Provision. No funds shall be available under this Act for payment to a parent on behalf of a child unless the paarent seeking eligibility has sole custody of the child or, in cases of joint custody, the parents apply jointly for benefits.

Section 4. {Severability Clause}	Were <i>your</i> laws	
	repealed?	

Section 6. {Effective Date}

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