

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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Model State Bill Prohibiting Wireless Handsets in Prisons*

** Joint jurisdiction between Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force and Public Safety and Elections Task Force. Passed by public and private sector members of both Task Forces.*

SEC. xx. PROVIDING OR POSSESSING WIRELESS HANDSETS IN PRISONS.

Chapter __ of title __, Revised Statutes of [State] [prohibiting the provision or possession of contraband in prison], is amended by adding the following:

"SEC. xx. PROVIDING OR POSSESSING WIRELESS HANDSETS.

"Whoever—

"(1) provides to an inmate of a prison a wireless handset, or attempts to do so; or

"(2) being an inmate of a prison, possesses, obtains, or attempts to obtain, a wireless handset;

"shall be fined as provided under this title or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

"(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) the term 'prison' means a State correctional, detention, or penal facility or any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract

or agreement with the Attorney General;

"(2) the term 'wireless communications service' means 'commercial mobile service' or 'personal wireless services' as such terms are defined in section 332 of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332); and

"(3) the term 'wireless handset' means a device utilized by a user of wireless communications service in connection with such service."

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Did you know that global telecommunications company AT&T was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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