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"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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### Statement of Principles on Health IT

Did you know that global pharmaceutical company Bayer Healthcare was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

1. Health information technology (IT) is rapidly evolving and advancing toward its goal of improving quality of care, enhancing efficiency, and reducing costs.
2. To be effective, health IT systems must
  - a. be patient-centered and market driven;
  - b. be based on reasonable standards and sound policies developed with input from stakeholders including consumers, government, clinicians, hospitals, health plans, vendors, manufacturers, and others;
  - c. protect the privacy and security of all health information;
  - d. promote interoperability; and
  - e. ensure the accuracy, completeness and uniformity of data.
3. Widespread adoption of health information technology—critical to its success—can best be achieved if:
  - a. the market provides users with a variety of products from which to choose those best suited to their needs, providing that those products are interoperable;
  - b. there are incentives for providers to adopt the use of health IT and rewards for providers who improve health care quality and efficiency through the use of health IT;
  - c. system managers implement protocols for addressing critical problems such as the unauthorized disclosure of protected health information and inaccurate or incomplete data; and
  - d. the systems are financed by all who benefit from the increased quality, efficiency and savings that result from such technology—employers and other payers, state and federal governments, health plans, health care providers, and others.

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