

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 Federal Health Insurance Reform Legislation

Summary

This Resolution helps prevent Congress from passing federal legislation that would impose restrictions such as guaranteed issue and community rating, or give the Secretary of Health and Human Services unnecessary authority over state health reform programs, clearly violating the states' own rights to regulate their own health programs.

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, the states have been at the forefront of the health reform debate by aggressively leading the charge to make health care coverage portable and renewable to citizens, and

WHEREAS, the states have discovered that reforms such as guaranteed issue and community rating do not result in universal coverage but instead drive up the cost of health insurance and drive healthy people out of the insurance market, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Congress is considering legislation which would impose restrictions such as guaranteed issue on states and give the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services authority over state health reform programs, power which would clearly interfere with the states' historical ability to regulate their own health insurance programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the legislature of the state of [State] urges Congress not to institute federal review, oversight, or preemption of state health insurance laws nor to impose guaranteed issue in the individual and group health insurance plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be distributed to all Governors and members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

1996 Sourcebook of American State Legislation

Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary:

This resolution reads like it must have been written by large insurance companies, who hate guaranteed issue and community rating.

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

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