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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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**Resolution in Support of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission Standards**

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

**WHEREAS**, in June 2009, the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission released national standards for the prevention, detection, response, and monitoring of sexual abuse in U.S. detention facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, these standards were mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), which Congress passed unanimously in 2003 to study the causes and consequences of sexual abuse in confinement and to develop standards for eliminating abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, these standards are the product of several years of research and extensive consultation with corrections professionals, researchers, advocates, and survivors of sexual abuse in detention; and

**WHEREAS**, these standards balance the rights of inmates with security interests--calling on corrections agencies to establish zero-tolerance for sexual abuse, to strengthen policies and practices, to improve staff training, to hold perpetrators accountable, and to open facilities up to external scrutiny; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 2.3 million Americans confined in U.S. correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, given our country's enormous investment in corrections, we should ensure that these environments are as safe and productive as they can be; and

**WHEREAS**, prisons, jails, and other detention settings are part of the justice system, not separate from it; and

**WHEREAS**, institutional violence, including sexual abuse, undermines the purposes of corrections--it makes facilities less safe for everyone, consumes scarce resources, and its consequences extend into our cities and towns as 95 percent of all prisoners are one day released; and

**WHEREAS**, if fully approved and implemented, these basic measures will dramatically lower the rate of sexual abuse in U.S. detention facilities, and improve the response to prisoners who have been victimized; and

**WHEREAS**, many standards reflect what corrections professionals recognize as good practices, and are already operational in some places, or are requirements under existing laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution forbids cruel and unusual punishment; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) supports efforts at the federal, state, and local levels to protect incarcerated

individuals from sexual abuse; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ALEC earnestly and resolutely supports the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission's recommended standards.

*Adopted by the Public Safety and Elections Task Force at the Spring Task Force Meeting on April 28, 2010.*

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