

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 in Support of the Healthy Forest Initiative

Did you know the trade group for the gas industry was a corporate co-chair in 2011?

WHEREAS, America's forests and rangelands are in a state of deteriorating ecological health caused by decades of federal management that interrupted the natural fire cycle and increased forest density and allowed forests to grow an unnatural fuel basement; and

WHEREAS, forests are now vulnerable to disease, drought, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, wildfires burned of 7.1 million acres of public and private lands during the summer of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these forest fires has been severe upon the states and localities that serve as gateways for millions of visitors to our nation's magnificent national parks, forests and other federal public lands; and

WHEREAS, these forest fires have damaged personal and business properties and displaced thousands of individuals from their homes, and

WHEREAS, excessive analysis, ineffective public involvement, and management inefficiencies have caused public land managers to delay restorative projects and driven up costs to approximately \$250 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has developed a Healthy Forests Initiative that will provide land managers with the ability to effectively reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels and restore wildfire-damaged areas, and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Forest Initiative has been designed to facilitate the implementation of the National Fire Plan with a 10 year comprehensive strategy; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, 890 rehabilitation and restoration projects were accomplished in 22 states and new public-private community partnerships have been developed under the guidance of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council supports the Administration's Healthy Forest Initiative legislative proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the President, the Secretary of the Interior Department, and ALEC alumni in Congress.

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