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

Resolution Urging Congress to End the Outer Continental Shelf Moratorium on Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Production

Whereas, all Americans are suffering from record high energy prices; and

Whereas, a federal legislative moratorium prohibits oil and natural gas drilling, exploration, and production on the outer continental shelves (OCS); and

Whereas, coastal states should have the right to determine on their own whether such drilling, exploration, and production should be permitted along their coasts; and

Whereas, according to the United States Department of Interior, there are an estimated 86 billion barrels worth of oil and 420 trillion cubic feet of natural gas on the OCS^[i]; and

Whereas, Congress should eliminate policies, such as the OCS moratorium, which artificially limit oil and natural gas supply and thereby increases energy prices; and

Whereas, lower energy costs and more reliable energy markets in the United States would promote economic growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, coastal states would share in significant revenue from OCS leases; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil drilling would lead to significant job growth for coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has stated "Advanced, more energy-efficient drilling and production methods practically eliminate spills from offshore platforms."^[ii]

therefore, be it resolved, that the American Legislative Exchange Council strongly urges Congress to end the OCS moratorium and give coastal states the authority to determine whether offshore drilling should be permitted along their coast.

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[i] Offshore Energy & Minerals Management (OEMM), The Minerals Management Service, <http://www.mms.gov/offshore/>, July 30, 2008.

[ii] "National Energy Policy," United States Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, p. 5-5, May 2001, <http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/press/2001/nep/chapter5.pdf>.

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quick summary:

This Resolution expresses opposition to a federal moratorium on deepwater drilling in the outer continental shelf. Note that this Resolution was passed less than two years before the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill revealed the dangers of oil drilling.