

## 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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- For more on these corporations, search at [www.SourceWatch.org](http://www.SourceWatch.org).

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

### RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO EPA'S PLAN TO REGULATE GREENHOUSE GASES UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT

**WHEREAS**, EPA has released an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which describes a nationwide scheme to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act; and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC has previously stated its opposition to EPA regulating greenhouse gases<sup>[1]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC has also previously stated that if EPA were to pursue such a course, at the very least, it would require additional action from Congress clarifying and specifying EPA's legal and regulatory obligations with respect to greenhouse gases<sup>[2]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, EPA's plan to regulate greenhouse gases is very expansive in scope, envisioning a nationwide cap and trade program for greenhouse gases, additional motor vehicle regulations and economy-wide restrictions impacting a wide range of industries including dairy and beef operations, office buildings, hospitals, schools, large homes, houses of worship, and even regulating the greenhouse gas emissions from lawnmowers, among other things; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has recently ruled that the EPA does not have authority to carry out a cap and trade plan under the Clean Air Act<sup>[3]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, EPA's plan represents policymaking which is the prerogative of the legislative branch; and

**WHEREAS**, even committed proponents of ambitious greenhouse gas regulation have expressed doubts about the ANPR's approach<sup>[4]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is a global issue, not a local or regional pollution issue as the Clean Air Act was designed to address; and

**WHEREAS**, EPA's plan would impose a massive economic burden on America without appreciably reducing worldwide concentrations of greenhouse gases; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that EPA should not make an endangerment finding for greenhouse gases and should not pursue regulation of greenhouse gases.

*Adopted by the Natural Resources Task Force on July 31, 2008.*

*Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors on September 11, 2008.*

[1] See American Legislative Exchange Council, Resolution in Opposition to EPA's Regulation of Greenhouse Gases from Mobile Sources, (2007).

[2] Id.

[3] North Carolina v. EPA, No. 05-1244, DC Cir., July 11, 2008.

[4] Darren Samuelsohn, Whether it's McCain or Obama, Washington preps for '09 warming debate, Environment and Energy Daily, July, 29, 2008.

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