

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.

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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Federal TABOR Resolution

Did you know that the Evergreen Freedom Foundation--which is connected to the Kochs--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, the federal government now spends more than \$20,000 per family in the United States, the highest level of real federal spending since World War II; and

WHEREAS, federal spending is currently growing at a rate faster than any other time in the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, large federal spending increases contribute to federal budget deficits and imperil the important tax-cutting agenda in Congress; and

WHEREAS, federal spending crowds out investment in the private sector as well as spending on important state and local services; and

WHEREAS, many of the programs and services paid for by the massive increases in federal spending are best left to the states, localities, or the people themselves; and

WHEREAS, federal spending on grants to state and localities is also increasing, with the unintended consequence of increases in state spending and expanded state government; and

WHEREAS, increased federal grants to states and localities often make state spending reform even more difficult, and can contribute to state tax increases; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers at all levels should not be unduly burdened to pay for the cost of government; and

WHEREAS, many states have had success in enacting tax and expenditure limitations that statutorily or constitutionally limit the growth in state taxes and spending; and

WHEREAS, many of the states with tax and expenditure limitations experience higher economic growth than states without tax and expenditure limits; and

WHEREAS, we could expect similar benefits for the United States with a federal tax and expenditure limit;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the state of ____ urges Congress to enact legislation that would annually limit federal mandatory and discretionary spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth, and require a supermajority vote of both houses of Congress to override the spending limit.

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