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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 Encouraging Congress to Maintain Local Property Tax Deduction

WHEREAS, state and local property taxes cost the typical American roughly \$1,100 annually; and

WHEREAS, 38 states levy separate state and local property taxes, but 96 percent of property tax revenue is collected by local governments to fund government operations; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, local property tax collections have exceeded population and inflation growth by 55 percent; squeezing homeowners and reducing economic growth; and

WHEREAS, dramatically rising property taxes have led many states and local governments to consider a range of reforms to provide tax relief; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive state property tax reform has been slowed by various constitutional provisions, local option requirements, and the fact that state governments do not establish, impose, collect or spend the vast majority of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, federal tax law currently allows homeowners that itemize deductions to deduct local property taxes, which has provided the most broad-based property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform recommended the repeal of the property tax deduction as part of comprehensive tax reform.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) encourages Congress to maintain the local property tax deduction in any broad federal tax reform legislation.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any tax or fee replaces a current federally deductible tax that the new fee or tax also be deductible at the federal level.

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