

**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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**Proposed Resolution Opposing OSHA's Proposed Ergonomics Work Restriction Protection Plan**

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 1999, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) proposed a draft Program Standard on Ergonomics; and

**WHEREAS**, under the proposed ergonomics standard, a full ergonomics program would consist of prompt care and work restriction protection (WRP); and

**WHEREAS**, the WRP plan would require an employer to pay a worker on modified duty at least 100 percent of pre-injury after-tax earnings for a worker unable to do any job, whereas the present typical state-based workers' compensation system requires a benefit of replacing two-thirds of pre-injury gross wages up to a weekly cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the WRP plan would require the maintenance of all fringe benefits, such as health insurance and seniority which most state workers' compensation systems do not require; and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC supports the prevention of workplace injuries and illnesses, assisting in the speedy return of injured and sick workers to productive employment and protecting the economic interests of the public, employees, and employers; and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC encourages employers to implement and conduct ongoing assessments of ergonomic programs as part of a comprehensive risk control program in each organization; and

**WHEREAS**, every state workers' compensation law has mandates for managing the provision of health care for injured workers; and

**WHEREAS**, states will continue to legislate and regulate the choice of and qualifications for health care providers, the prevention of cost shifting from other health care areas, the prevention of over-utilization of health care services and the restriction of the employers' obligation to those medical expenses that are reasonable and necessary for the recovery and return to work by the employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the OSHA mandates overlap with workers compensation limits in many states, where compensability determinations, physician selection and indemnity amounts and payment periods are the function of each state's statutes and jurisprudence; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ALEC calls upon OSHA to leave workers' compensation issues to the purview of the state legislative and administrative bodies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ALEC will forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the U.S., Congressional House and Senate, Leadership, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Labor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Adopted by the CIED Task Force and approved by the ALEC Board of Directors in 2000.*

Did you know that global corporation Kraft Foods served as corporate co-chair in 2011?

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