

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.

ALEC's Corporate Board
--in recent past or present

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- Bayer Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Energy Future Holdings
- Johnson & Johnson
- Coca-Cola Company
- PhRMA
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Reed Elsevier, Inc.
- DIAGEO
- Peabody Energy
- Intuit, Inc.
- Koch Industries, Inc.
- ExxonMobil
- Verizon
- Reynolds American Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Salt River Project
- Altria Client Services, Inc.
- American Bail Coalition
- State Farm Insurance

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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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Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Bush Tax Cuts

Summary:
This resolution encourages Congress to permanently extend the Bush Tax Cuts of 2001 and 2003. [Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.] Allowing these tax cuts to expire will undoubtedly slow the growth of the U.S. economy, and further harm America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Model Resolution
WHEREAS, it is the mission of the American Legislative Exchange Council to advance Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty, and

WHEREAS, the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 have spurred economic growth and allowed the spirit of entrepreneurship to flourish, while creating new jobs and opportunities for millions of Americans, and

WHEREAS, American taxpayers from all income groups have seen their tax liabilities diminish from pre-2001 levels, and

WHEREAS, if the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts are allowed to expire as scheduled at the end of 2010, much of the economic growth made possible by the tax cuts would no longer be sustainable, and

WHEREAS, the economically damaging federal estate tax will fade to nothing by 2010, but will then be reinstated to a confiscatory top marginal rate of 55 percent in 2011, if the tax relief is allowed to expire, and

WHEREAS, allowing the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 to expire would result in a significant decline in gross domestic product, reduced capital and wage income, fewer hours worked and a lower level of private-sector output, and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the expiration of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts would result in a tax increase of [Insert Number] for residents in [Insert State], and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the legislature of the state of [Insert State] urges the United States Congress to permanently extend the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution will be distributed to all governors and members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

About Us and ALEC EXPOSED. The Center for Media and Democracy reports on corporate spin and government propaganda. We are located in Madison, Wisconsin, and publish www.PRWatch.org, www.SourceWatch.org, and now www.ALECExposed.org. For more information contact: editor@prwatch.org or 608-260-9713.

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