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- Coca-Cola Company
- PhRMA
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Reed Elsevier, Inc.
- DIAGEO
- Peabody Energy
- Intuit, Inc.
- Koch Industries, Inc.
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- 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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## Federal Relations Working Group Resolution on Article V of the U.S. Constitution

**Whereas** the growth of federal government power at the expense of states has accelerated in recent years; and

**Whereas** limiting the continued unchecked growth of federal power may require Constitutional reform; and

aimed at limiting congressional power or, in other words, the power of the federal government....

**Whereas** Congress is unlikely, without outside encouragement to propose any Constitutional Amendment that **limits** its own **power**; and

**Whereas** two-thirds of the states should have the same power to propose individual amendments to the Constitution for ratification as does two-thirds of Congress; and

Ratification, however, would require 3/4 of the states (38 states).

**Whereas** when state legislators understand that legal and political procedures could limit an Article V Convention to the consideration of just one amendment, the balance of power between the federal and state governments would be fundamentally altered;

## What is the "single amendment" to the Constitution ALEC corporations want?

**Therefore be it resolved** that the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) support and facilitate the education of state legislators about how an Article V Convention called by state legislatures could be reliably limited to an up or down vote on the text of a single amendment to the U.S. Constitution, including the possibility of an amendment that would give two-thirds of the states the explicit right to propose amendments without having to obtain the consent of Congress;

**Therefore be it further resolved** that ALEC facilitate times for legislators interested in working on this issue in more detail to meet during future ALEC meetings and events.

Passed by the International Relations Task Force and Federal Relations Working Group on December 4, 2009.

Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors on January 8, 2010.

This is thirty-three states... The vast majority of ALEC legislators are Republicans. The GOP now holds 29 of the 50 state governorships and controls 26 state legislatures plus shared control of 8 more legislatures.

Did you know that Reynolds American--one of the biggest tobacco companies in the world--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

## 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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