

**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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—in recent past or present

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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 OPPOSING FEDERAL MANDATES ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Tenth Amendment states "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people," and;

**WHEREAS**, the authority over determinations of unemployment compensation eligibility and payment under state unemployment insurance programs belongs to the states, and;

**WHEREAS**, the federal government, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), mandates that states liberalize their unemployment insurance laws by expanding eligibility in order to receive temporary federal funding, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is not the role of the Federal Government to entice or compel states to change their unemployment insurance laws, and;

**WHEREAS**, the required changes are a typical costly federal mandate that entices states to spend more money for the promise of short-term federal funding, and;

**WHEREAS**, the required federal changes would prohibit the denial of unemployment compensation to individuals who limit their availability to part-time work, extend the length of benefits to individuals who participate in job training programs, and provide eligibility to individuals who quit their job for compelling family reasons as defined in federal law, and;

**WHEREAS**, these required expansions would move state unemployment insurance away from its original goal of providing temporary partial wage replacement assistance to workers who lose their job through no fault of their own, and move it toward a federally controlled public assistance social welfare program, and;

**WHEREAS**, the ARRA required changes to state laws will increase spending, result in increased taxes and create future budget liabilities, and;

**WHEREAS**, this is a recipe for disaster once federal funds run out for states that face current deficits in their unemployment funds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) opposes forcing states, as a condition of federal funding, to change state unemployment insurance laws.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, ALEC opposes measures that would change state unemployment insurance into a federally controlled public assistance social welfare program.

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

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