

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.

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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Model Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

Section 1. [Short title.] This act may be cited as the Prevention of Assisted Suicides Act. [An amendment to the state criminal code.]

Section 2. [Assisted suicide--Unlawful act.] A person shall be guilty of a [name of serious felony] who intentionally, knowingly, or willfully:

(A) Aids, abets, assists, advises, or encourages another to commit suicide; or

(B) Provides to, deliveries to, or procures for another any drug or instrument with knowledge that the other may attempt to commit suicide with the drug or instrument.

Section 3. [Failure to commit not a defense.] Failure of another to commit suicide shall not be a defense to a person charged with committing an act under Section 2.

Section 4. [Wrongful death.] Any person who aids and abets the suicide of another may be civilly liable for the wrongful death of the suicide victim.

Section 5. [Severability clause.]

Section 6. [Repealer clause.]

Section 7. [Effective date.]

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Were your laws repealed?

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This bill would criminalize the act of assisting another person to commit suicide, including advice to and encouragement of another committing suicide. It demonstrates the socially conservative elements of ALEC membership.

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