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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?

**Resolution to Reform the Ballot Initiatives Process** 

WHEREAS, the Civil Justice Task Force recognizes that in order to preserve the integrity of the Nation's legislative process, reforms should be made to ensure a fair state initiative process that encourages the use of the system, but prevents the process from being abused.

WHEREAS, the Civil Justice Task Force believes such reforms should include:

- Requiring more broad public support for Constitutional Amendments
- Moving up the initiative petition deadline
- Deterring petition fraud and increasing voter protection
- Requiring greater public support for initiatives that impose financial impacts on state government
- · Constitutional issue relevance/Judicial Review

From CMD: This is the ALEC Task Force on "tort reform," which affects the laws governing lawsuits by people injured or killed by corporations or other defendants....

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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## 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 corporationsincludes 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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