

**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**

- AT&T Services, Inc.
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- UPS
- 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

For more on these corporations, search at [www.SourceWatch.org](http://www.SourceWatch.org).

**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 Commending the Use of Remote Control Locomotive Technology****Model Resolution**

Did you know that global corporation Kraft Foods was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

**WHEREAS**, a safe and efficient railroad system is vital for businesses and industries currently operating in [state] and for future economic development in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, innovations that enhance the safety of railroad operations in [state] benefit both the general public and railroad employees; and

**WHEREAS**, innovations that improve the efficiency of railroads in [state] help hold down freight rates and thereby enhance the competitive position of businesses and industries in the state that rely on railroads to transport both raw materials and finished products; and

**WHEREAS**, the two major railroads in Canada have been using remote controlled locomotives for over a decade with dramatic reductions in their accident rates and in their operating costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the remote control technology encompasses numerous safety features to prevent accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the remote control technology enables the railroad employees on the ground to move cars around as needed without depending on someone in the locomotive cab and without risking a miscommunication with possibly devastating results; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued guidelines for operation of remote controlled locomotives on railroads in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these guidelines, current FRA regulations govern the training of remote control operators and inspections of these devices; and

**WHEREAS**, railroads have begun to utilize remote controlled locomotives for switching operations in various terminals in [state] and other states; and

**WHEREAS**, one major railroad in [state] recently completed its first year of experience using remote control switching operations with a 60 percent reduction in its accident rate as compared to conventional switching operations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the railroads of [state] are hereby recognized and commended for their exemplary efforts to improve their safety and efficiency by embracing the proven and innovative technology that makes it possible to safely perform switching operations with remote controlled locomotives.

*Adopted by ALEC's Trade & Transportation Task Force at the Annual Meeting July 31, 2003. Approved by full ALEC Board of Directors August, 2003.*