Why Is Johnson & Johnson Sticking with ALEC?

Johnson & Johnson

In recent years, Johnson & Johnson has recalled numerous products, including Rolaids, children’s Tylenol, Benadryl, and Motrin.
FACT: In 2010, Johnson & Johnson’s CEO was called before Congress after regulators learned that the company had engaged in "stealth" recalls by buying up products rather than notifying the public of its need to recall defective Motrin tablets.

Johnson & Johnson benefits from laws that shield corporations from liability against citizens who get sick or die from their products.
FACT: In April 2012 a jury determined that a Johnson & Johnson company had downplayed and had hidden risks associated with the antipsychotic drug Risperdal. Johnson & Johnson now faces $1.1 billion in fines from the Arkansas Attorney General.

ALEC

A corporate-funded group that drafts bills that make it easier for corporations to escape legal responsibility for killing or injuring consumers.
FACT: Johnson & Johnson contributed $25,000 to ALEC to become a “Vice-Chairman” sponsor of ALEC’s 2011 Annual Conference.

Politicians use ALEC templates to make laws that protect corporations.
FACT: Backed by Big Tobacco, drug companies, insurance companies, and other global corporations, ALEC has long been pushing changes to the laws, so-called "tort reform bills," governing claims by people injured by corporate products.

Johnson & Johnson needs ALEC to push laws that protect its profits and prevent families from holding it accountable for products that injure or kill.