

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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 - Salt River Project
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 - State Farm Insurance
- For more on these corporations, search at 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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Biotechnology Resolution

Did you know the trade group for the gas industry was a corporate co-chair in 2011?

WHEREAS, biotechnology refers to any technique that uses living organisms or parts thereof to make or modify a product or plants, animals, or microorganisms for specific uses and has been used by humankind for thousands of years to improve plant, animals and microorganisms.

WHEREAS, in the last three decades scientific advances in molecular biology have resulted in what is known as recombinant DNA technology or "genetic engineering" with the ability to readily move genetic material between more distantly related organisms.

WHEREAS, pest and disease resistant crops developed through biotechnology will preserve and improve the environment by reducing the need for herbicides and pesticides.

WHEREAS, modern biotechnology is being used to increase the productivity of crops and livestock, to improve the quality of life by developing new high-yielding crops that require fewer inputs and conserve natural resources, to increase the food supply for a rapidly increasing human population, to produce more nutritious foods with longer shelf lives and to continue to provide consumers with high-quality, low-cost food products.

WHEREAS, further advances in modern biotechnology may result in improved crops, for example, that combat vitamin and mineral deficiencies that afflict hundreds of millions people worldwide or that can be used to produce life-saving vaccines and biodegradable plastics.

WHEREAS, federal law requires that all foods and food ingredients, whether produced by traditional or modern biotechnology, must be extensively reviewed for safety by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and meet the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act before they can be sold to consumers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ALEC supports the responsible use of the beneficial qualities of biotechnology such as pharmaceuticals, anti-immune disease control, biodegradable plastics, and other potential benefits to people in their states, the nation, the world and the global environment through high-yield agricultural production.

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