

## 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

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- 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).

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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?**

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**Whistleblower Immunity Act**

Did you know that Victor Schwartz--a lawyer who represents companies in product litigation--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

### Summary

The purpose of this Act is to encourage the exposure of negligent health care providers. This Act limits liability for certain information and safeguards the confidentiality of individuals who come forward to disclose medical providers who practice negligent care. ALEC's Whistle Blower Immunity Act holds that no person who files a complaint or testifies as a witness concerning unprofessional conduct by a person licensed to practice medicine, or concerning the inability of such licensee to practice medicine, would be held liable in any cause of action arising out of the filing of such complaint or testimony.

### Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

**Section 1.** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Whistle Blower Immunity Act.

#### **Section 2. {Immunity for Disclosure of Information.}**

No person who files a complaint with the department of (insert appropriate department) or who testifies as a witness at any hearing before any hearing panels or committees concerning unprofessional conduct by a person licensed to practice medicine in this state, or concerning the inability to such licensee to practice medicine, shall be held liable in any cause of action arising out of the filing of such complaint, the providing of such information or the giving of such testimony, provided that such person does so in good faith and without malice.

#### **Section 3. {Severability clause.}**

#### **Section 4. {Repealer clause.}**

#### **Section 5. {Effective date.}**

*Adopted by the Civil Justice Task Force and approved by the ALEC Board of Directors in 2002.*

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### Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill provides that a person who exposes negligent doctors or health care providers will be protected from liability, as long as they acted in good faith. This bill could potentially be introduced at the same time as medical malpractice liability reform, with the argument being that medical malpractice tort liability is not necessary to govern healthcare practices, as whistleblowers can expose negligence.