



# Exposed

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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 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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- 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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### Truth in Spending Act

#### Model Legislation

#### {Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Did you know that the Evergreen Freedom Foundation—which is connected to the Kochs—was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

**Section 1. {Title}** This act shall be known and may be cited as The Truth in Spending Act.

#### Section 2. {Statement of Purpose}

**Section 3. {Amendment to state revenue and tax code}** Section [cite appropriate section] is amended to read:

(A) Each State agency shall include with its budget submission to the Legislature a summary of all moneys that were spent or otherwise passed through the agency during the preceding fiscal year and an estimate of the moneys projected to be spent or otherwise pass through the agency for the current fiscal year. All such spending and handling and estimates of such spending and handling must be divided into major product and service categories and further expressed in unit-costs and the unit-cost totals must equal the total amount of moneys that were spent by or otherwise passed through the agency or that were projected to be spent or otherwise pass through the agency, as applicable.

(B) The Legislature shall reduce the appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year by an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the allocation for the fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year, the funding of each state agency that fails to include the summary required by subsection (A).

#### Section 4. {Severability Clause}

#### Section 5. {Repealer Clause}

Were your laws repealed?

#### Section 6. {Effective Date}

*Adopted by the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force at the Annual Meeting, August 20, 1998. Approved by the full ALEC Board of Directors August, 1998.*

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

This act would require each state agency to include with its spending request a summary of all money spent or passed through the agency in the preceding year and an estimate of the money expected to be spent or passed through the agency in the current fiscal year.

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