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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?**

Verifiable Science Act

Summary

In order to protect citizens from arbitrary and capricious regulations promulgated without any impetus that is justified by pertinent, ascertainable, and peer-reviewed science, this act guarantees citizens the right to access scientific data that is used to develop public policies.

Model Legislation

SECTION 1. {Title} This act shall be known as the Verifiable Science Act.

SECTION 2. {State rights.} Citizens have a right to access data from state funded studies in whole or in part, that are used for development of state law or regulation or enforcement action. Any regulations promulgated by the results of such studies shall be justified by pertinent, ascertainable, and peer-reviewed science.

SECTION 3. {State responsibilities.} Any scientific documentation, statistics, reports, or research must be made available to the public through (provisions of the state Freedom of Information Act) whenever such scientific data is used, in part or in whole, as the basis for proposed statutes, regulations, guidance documents, policy statements, official reports, legislative studies, or any other pronouncements which might carry the weight of law or which might be intended to lead directly to new regulations or statutes.

SECTION 4. {Severability clause.}

Were your laws repealed?

SECTION 5. {Repealer clause.}

SECTION 6. {Effective date.}

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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.

From CMD: This "model" bill subjects the scientific basis for all regulations and laws to state Freedom of Information Act / Open Records laws. It is likely intended to allow climate-change deniers and other anti-environmentalists to challenge regulations using pseudo-science. However, much of this data is already likely readily accessible under long-standing FOIA or sunshine statutes.

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