

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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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?**

MEETINGS MODEL

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Limits on Multiple Punitive Damages Resolution

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

WHEREAS, multiple punitive damages claims are a major obstacle to comprehensive settlement negotiations in repetitive litigation between plaintiffs and dependents; and

WHEREAS, limiting multiple punitive damages awards would open the way for the prompt resolution of claims involving many injured plaintiffs; and

WHEREAS, state and lower federal courts can provide only incomplete solutions to the problems caused by multiple punitive damages awards because they lack the power or the authority to prohibit subsequent awards in other courts ;and

WHEREAS, tort law should also permit subsequent claimants to overcome this limit and pursue additional punitive damages by showing new and substantial evidence of previously wrongful behavior on the part of the defendant; and

WHEREAS, such principles will guard defendants against repetitive punishment and, at the same time, preserve a way to augment punishment if the original punishment was based on inadequate information;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Legislative Exchange Council supports the principle of limiting the multiple imposition of punitive damages for harms arising out of a single act or course of conduct.

Adopted by the Civil Justice Task Force and approved by the ALEC Board of Directors between 1998 and 1999.

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From CMD: This resolution attempts to limit the power of juries to award punitive damages for intentional misconduct or gross negligence that seriously injures or kills an American. In essence, the goal of the resolution is to limit punitive damages to one plaintiff in one jurisdiction no matter how many people are injured or killed as a result of the corporation's product or actions across the country.