

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.

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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The Small Business Health Care Act

Model Legislation

(Title, Enacting clause, etc.)

Section 1. The legislature finds that the rising cost of comprehensive group health coverage is exceeding the affordability of many small businesses and their employees. The legislature further finds that the policy of mandating health care benefits has had an adverse impact on the cost of such coverage. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to reduce costs by authorizing the development of basic hospital and medical coverage for small groups.

Section 2.

(A) A basic group disability insurance policy may be offered to employers of fewer than one hundred employees. Such a basic group disability policy shall provide coverage for hospital expenses and services rendered by a physician licensed by this State, but is not subject to the requirements of {INSERT ALL MANDATED BENEFIT STATUTES}.

(B) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an insurer from offering, or a purchaser from seeking, benefits in excess of the basic coverage authorized herein. Nothing in this Section shall restrict the right of employees to collectively bargain for insurance providing benefits in excess of those provided herein.

(C) All forms, policies, and contracts shall be submitted for approval to the Insurance Commissioner, and the rates of any plan offered under this Section shall be reasonable in relation to the benefits thereto.

Section 3. (Severability clause.)

Section 4. (Repealer clause.)

Section 5. (Effective date.)

Did you know that global pharmaceutical company Bayer Healthcare was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Were your laws repealed?

Adopted by the Health and Human Services Task Force in 1990 and ammended in 2002

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