

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.
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- Peabody Energy
- Intuit, Inc.
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- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Salt River Project
- Altria Client Services, Inc.
- American Bail Coalition
- State Farm Insurance

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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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Resolution on Environmental Laboratory Privatization

Did you know the trade group for the gas industry was a corporate co-chair in 2011?

Summary

This resolution endorses federal and state efforts to use private labs for routine environmental testing. It condemns the use of taxpayer dollars for the construction of new environmental laboratories.

Section 1. {Short title} This Resolution shall be known as the Resolution on Environmental Laboratory Privatization.

Section 2. {Model Resolution}

WHEREAS, government has limited resources and must prioritize the services it offers and the function it performs; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for accurate, unbiased, and reliable environmental testing date to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing trend of government laboratories taking over routine testing procedures for environmental monitoring and site cleanups required by federal, state and local regulations; and

WHEREAS, competition in the private sector capacity to perform analyses of environmental samples across the country; and

WHEREAS, private sector laboratories are subject to strict quality assurance control programs and a regularly certified and audited by federal and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, spending federal or state taxpayer dollars to build, equip and operate government laboratories to compete against existing private sector laboratories is not only wasteful but deprives state and local governments of potential tax revenue from these same private sector laboratories, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that {insert state} supports the use of private sector environmental laboratories to perform routine environmental monitoring analysis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the {insert state} supports federal and state legislation prohibiting the use of government funds to construct, equip, and operate government owned and/or operated laboratories to perform routine environmental analysis and services that are available through private sector laboratories, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, The President

ProTempore of the Senate and to every member of this state's Congressional Delegation.

ALEC's Sourcebook of American State Legislation 1996

From CMD, this "model" legislation attempts to block the use of low cost lab testing by the government in environmental matters in favor of private labs that lab companies can profit from. It takes away government's access and potentially the public's access to non-profit government laboratories that do not have to rely on corporate clients. Some corporations also do not want governments to generate data that is unbiased and publicly available. This model legislation adds to the fallacy that it is always cheaper to outsource.

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