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"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?**

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### Wireless Competition Act

#### Summary

This Act promotes and encourages wireless telephone competition by preventing unnecessary and burdensome regulation by the state utilities commission.

#### Model Legislation

The people of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ do enact as follows:

**Section 1. {Short Title}** This Act shall be known as the "Wireless Competition Act."

**Section 2. {Legislative Findings and Declarations}** A bill for an act to amend the [insert appropriate code sections] concerning wireless telecommunications.

**WHEREAS**, the people of [state] are best served by markets which are open and competitive; and

**WHEREAS**, effective competition and the free marketplace has resulted in increased usage, growing employment, improved public safety, expanded coverage, and declining prices; and

**WHEREAS**, eighty-three percent of the U.S. population lives in counties with five or more mobile telephone operators competing to offer service; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the belief of this assembly that open and vigorous competition is the most efficient way to continue these improvements:

**THEREFORE**, the general assembly agrees to the following enactment.

**Section 3. {Exemption of Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Providers}** A CMRS provider (as defined in 47 U.S.C. 332(d)(1)) is not subject to regulation by the [insert name of utilities commission] under this chapter\*

\* in states that have a state universal service fund, insert: "except that a CMRS provider shall respond, subject to the protection of the CMRS provider's competitive information, to reasonable requests for information about its operations in this state from the commission necessary to administer the state universal service fund."

Did you know that global telecommunications company AT&T was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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