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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.

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 in Support of the Expanded "Highway Watch" Program

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001 have heightened an awareness for the need to maintain vigilant homeland security measures; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry hauls 87 percent of the freight moved in the United States (measured by value) and more than 75 percent of America's communities are dependent solely on trucking for safe receipt of their goods; and

WHEREAS, the nation's three million professional truck drivers will play a vital role in keeping essential highways open, safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, America's "Highway Watch" program trains drivers to spot and report emergency and safety situations to appropriate state authorities; and

WHEREAS, the "Highway Watch" program enlists the nation's trucking industry to work cooperatively with law enforcement officers in identifying circumstances and incidents which may jeopardize the security of a city, a state, a regional area, or the nation; and

WHEREAS, the impending expansion of the "Highway Watch" program will establish an Operations Center and Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Truck ISAC) to coordinate trucking industry emergency planning and response activities with those of federal, state and local emergency planning agencies and in the sharing of actionable information;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council endorses the trucking industry's Anti-Terrorism Action Plan utilizing the expanded "Highway Watch" program, further encourages each ALEC member's state to adopt the "Highway Watch" program and engage in cooperative efforts with the "Highway Watch" Operations Center and Truck ISAC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution should be sent to all Governors, all Members of Congress, the United States Secretaries of Transportation and Homeland Security, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator, the Transportation Security Administrator and all State Legislative Leaders (Speaker and Senate President).

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