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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?

## Resolution on Congressional Mandates and Defective-Product Liability Protection

PURPOSE: Concerning Congressional product mandates through legislation or regulation and the need for consistent and fair application of defective-product liability protection.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has enacted laws or authorized regulations that would specify the manufacture, composition or use of certain products or constituents of products which are expressly authorized for use by Congress and/or the appropriate federal regulating body for use in commerce;

WHEREAS, to meet these Congressional mandates, companies have manufactured products in accordance with federal law and regulation,

WHEREAS, Congress should provide defective-product liability protection in a consistent and fair manner to those manufacturers that have made a good faith effort to meet federal mandates,

WHEREAS, defective-product liability protection does not hinder other legal recourse by those that are affected by the manufacture, distribution or use of these products that would seek compensation for damages,

WHEREAS, defective-product liability protection would not affect the application of any federal or state product regulations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Congress shall provide fair and consistent defective-product liability protection for products that are expressly authorized for use and/or approved by the Federal Government either by law and/or regulation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, House and Senate leadership, the Attorney General for the Department of Justice, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Adopted by ALEC's Civil Justice Task Force at the Spring Task Force Summit May 1, 2004. Approved by full ALEC Board of Directors May, 2004.

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

About Us and ALEC EMPOSED. The Center for Media and Democracy reports on corporate spin and government propaganda. We are located in Madison, Wisconsin, and publish www.PRWatch.org, www.SourceWatch.org, and now www.ALECexposed.org. For more information contact: editor@prwatch.org or 608-260-9713.

## 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 corporationsincludes 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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