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# 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.

### **ALEC's Corporate Board**

## --in recent past or present

- AT&T Services, Inc.
- centerpoint360
- UPS
- Bayer Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline
- **Energy Future Holdings**
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- PhRMA
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- · Pfizer Inc.
- Reed Elsevier, Inc. DIAGEO
- Peabody Energy
- · Intuit, Inc. Koch Industries, Inc.
- ExxonMobil Verizon
- Reynolds American Inc.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 the National Association of Insurance** Commissioners

#### Summary

The Resolution on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) opposes the NAIC's current accreditation process and urges the NAIC to remain an advisor organization which does not attempt to use sanctions to force legislative action. Furthermore, the Resolution calls on the NAIC to create a mechanism whereby legislators are allowed to participate in the organization and provide input on legislative matters.

#### **Model Resolution**

WHEREAS, states have the primary responsibility for regulating the business of insurance through laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the current accreditation process of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) infringes on that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the NAIC has opened its plenary and executive committee meetings and conference calls and will re-examine its accreditation and seek input from state

WHEREAS, the NAIC is not a policy making body and should leave broad public policy decisions to state legislators; and

WHEREAS, the resolution of these issues hinges on the appropriate definition of the NAIC's functions and funding mechanisms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State/Commonwealth of {insert state name}congratulates the NAIC on taking steps toward openness, accreditation system improvements, appropriate self definition and suitable funding, the State/Commonwealth of {insert state name} encourages the NAIC to continue as an advisory organization state insurance commissioners and opposes designation of the NAIC as an entity authorized to exercise regulatory authority; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the State/Commonwealth of {insert state name}urges the NAIC to not use accreditation sanctions as a means to force legislative actions: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State/Commonwealth of {insert state name} encourages the NAIC to create, within its organization, a legislative participation board for state legislators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to each state insurance commissioner, the NAIC and the National Governor's Association (NGA).

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