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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?**

Resolution to Recognize and Commend the United States-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership and Its Global Significance of Enhanced Cooperation between the United States and Indonesia

WHEREAS, the United States-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership is a commitment by the United States and Indonesia to broaden, deepen and elevate bilateral relations between the United States and Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, the partnership recognizes the global significance of enhanced cooperation between the world's second and third largest democracies, the tremendous possibilities for economic development, and the importance of fostering exchanges and mutual understanding between two of the world's most diverse nations; and

WHEREAS, work on the Comprehensive Partnership began in mid-2009, following United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's visit to Indonesia in early 2009 when the Secretary and Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda announced that the United States and Indonesia would begin discussions on developing a Comprehensive Partnership between the two countries, and the Presidents of both countries would launch the Comprehensive Partnership when President Obama visits Indonesia in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the United States has important economic, commercial and security interests in Indonesia, which is a linchpin of regional security due to its strategic location astride a number of key international maritime straits, particularly the Malacca Strait;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the American Legislative Exchange Council that this body recognizes and commends the United States-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership and its global significance of enhanced cooperation between the United States and Indonesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of Indonesia, the United States Secretary of State, the Foreign Minister of Indonesia,

the Indonesian Ambassador to the United States, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and USINDO.

*Adopted by the International Relations Task Force, August 5, 2010.
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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

From the older resolutions in support of Fast Track Trade Promotion Authority-- which was used to push a permanent normal trading relationship with China through Congress in 2000 with little discussion or debate-- to more recent resolutions in support of the proposed Colombia Free Trade Agreement, ALEC has consistently urged its members to support a radical "free trade" agenda. This free trade agenda has cost America millions of jobs as factories closed and moved overseas in search of cheaper labor. Since 2001, an estimated 2.4 million American jobs have been lost to China alone. Now a diverse array of service sector jobs, from accounting and tax preparation to health care and credit card servicing, are being offshored under these agreements. Such free trade agreements also allow public health, consumer, environmental and worker safety rules to be challenged as "barriers to trade" in trade tribunals that operate outside the constraints of U.S. law.

ALEC has also been a major promoter of the U.S. tobacco industry, which seeks to hook new generations of smokers on their products around the world. Reynolds Tobacco is on the International Relations Task Force of ALEC. ALEC has a trade resolution specifically advancing a newer tobacco product called *Snus*, a moist tobacco product often marketed to the young with fruit flavors. Reynolds produces Camel *Snus* in four flavors and is not happy that this dangerous product is banned in most of Europe.