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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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### Resolution in Favor of Unrestricted Caller\*ID Service

#### Summary

It has been this impetus of substantial and increasing levels of annoying and obscene calls, which violate the privacy and sensibilities of millions of Americans each year, that has spurred the development and deployment of Caller\*ID. Technology now permits the "re-introduction" of an "old" feature which allows the rights of called parties to have some information before answering their calls.

#### Model Resolution

**WHEREAS**, annoying and obscene calls terrorize millions of Americans and their families each year;

**WHEREAS**, Caller\*ID service uses state-of-the-art telecommunications technology in enabling telephone users to see the number of the calling party before answering the phone;

**WHEREAS**, Caller\*ID has been proven to be an effective deterrent against annoying and obscene calls;

**WHEREAS**, Caller\*ID has been endorsed by many law enforcement authorities because of its effectiveness in reducing annoyance calls without the intervention of the authorities and because of the assistance it provides in criminal investigations, including bomb threats, kidnapping, and extortion;

**WHEREAS**, withholding the display of telephone numbers would substantially dilute the primary benefit of Caller\*ID- curbing annoying and obscene calls;

**WHEREAS**, withholding the display of telephone numbers would impair Caller\*ID's life-saving potential because public agencies will continue to use Caller\*ID after 911 emergency service is deployed;

**WHEREAS**, accommodations may be cooperatively determined for those agencies that have compelling concerns;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the legislature of the state strongly supports the implementation of Caller\*ID unencumbered by any restrictions. There is indisputable evidence that Caller\*ID's wide-ranging public interest benefits will be maximized by the universal, unrestricted deployment of the service.

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