

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 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 Encouraging Development of Liquefied Natural Gas

Did you know the trade group for the gas industry was a corporate co-chair in 2011?

WHEREAS, Natural gas is a clean burning, environmentally preferred fuel with many different uses, ranging from heating our homes, fueling the manufacturing sector, generating over 20 percent of the nation's electricity, serving as a feedstock for plastics, polyurethane, fertilizer, and more, and;

WHEREAS, Natural gas is a global commodity found in abundance throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The availability of adequate supplies of natural gas is a critical part of the economic well being and energy security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, There are currently concerns about whether gas supplies from domestic production will be adequate to meet projected increases in demand for natural gas; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that the U.S. could face a gap in supply of natural gas of about five trillion cubic feet (Tcf) by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Many developers of liquefied natural gas have proposed building regasification terminals in North America to help bridge the potential supply gap; and

WHEREAS, In order for new LNG terminals to be expeditiously approved and in service, cooperation in the permitting process between local, state and federal authorities is essential. Therefore

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) recognizes that LNG is an important future source of energy for the United States; furthermore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That ALEC encourages coordination among state agencies that oversee permitting for regasification, and between local, state and Federal government agencies, in order to facilitate and streamline regasification terminal permitting; and be it finally

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That ALEC encourages states to hold public hearings to educate consumers and stakeholders on the safety and benefits of LNG and stable supplies of natural gas.

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From CMD: This resolution can be seen as a prelude for the methane gas “gold rush” that was to come. Written a year before the “Haliburton Loophole” was written into the 2005 Energy Policy Act, paving the way for "hydraulic fracturing" to be exempt from clean drinking water act requirements, this resolution extols the benefits of drilling for natural gas without any recognition of the harms to state residents from inadequate regulation of the toxic chemicals used in the fracking process or the risks to aquifers and other consequences.

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