

**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.

**ALEC's Corporate Board**  
--in recent past or present

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  - centerpoint360
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  - GlaxoSmithKline
  - Energy Future Holdings
  - Johnson & Johnson
  - Coca-Cola Company
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  - Reynolds American Inc.
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  - Salt River Project
  - Altria Client Services, Inc.
  - American Bail Coalition
  - State Farm Insurance
- For more on these corporations, search at [www.SourceWatch.org](http://www.SourceWatch.org).

**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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**A Resolution in Opposition to Value-Added Taxes**

**WHEREAS**, a value-added tax (VAT) is a consumption tax placed on products whenever value is added and at final sale, typically with credits, complex record-keeping, and varying rates for different products, and

**WHEREAS**, the VAT would be another new tax which American families and small businesses would bear, and

**WHEREAS**, the typical VAT rate in Europe has grown from less than 5 percent in the 1960s to nearly twenty percent today, and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum VAT rate a country needs to join the European Union is fifteen percent, and

**WHEREAS**, other taxes in Europe have risen at the same time as the VAT has risen, leading to a very high level of taxation compared to the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, there is every reason to believe that the European experience of the last half-century would be repeated here, and

**WHEREAS**, there are pro-growth ways to help domestic manufacturing and international tax competitiveness without imposing a dangerous new VAT, and

**WHEREAS**, there are pro-growth and pro-family ways of executing tax reform that do not involve the introduction of a new type of tax into our tax structure,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the legislature of the state of {insert state}: urge all members of our state's Congressional delegation to oppose a value-added tax on principle.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this state is on record as opposing a European-style VAT at the state or local level for any reason.

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Did you know that the Evergreen Freedom Foundation --which is connected to the Kochs-- was the corporate co-chair in 2011?"

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