

## 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.

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AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

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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 Retain State Authority over Hydraulic Fracturing

**WHEREAS**, Hydraulic fracturing is a proven technology with a long history of environmentally safe use in the completion of oil and gas wells; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The oil and gas producing States regulate hydraulic fracturing as a component of their regulatory problems for the drilling, completion, operation, and plugging of oil and gas wells; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The reservoirs that produce oil and gas are highly variable geologically and separated geographically across the oil and gas producing States such that State regulatory agencies are best suited by local expertise and experience to effectively regulate hydraulic fracturing; *and*

**WHEREAS**, State regulatory agencies are the most appropriate regulatory bodies to provide oversight and protection of hydrologically and environmentally sensitive localities as they relate to hydraulic fracturing; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The regulation of hydraulic fracturing under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act would add burdensome and unnecessary regulatory requirements to the drilling and completion of oil and gas wells, thereby increasing costs of producing domestic natural gas resources without any ancillary benefit to public health, safety or the environment; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The increased cost of producing domestic natural gas resources will reduce domestic supplies of natural gas, increase utility prices, and other costs to consumers, reduce tax and royalty revenues for local, State, and federal governments; and increase the nation's dependence on foreign energy imports; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) conducted a survey of oil and gas producing States, which found that there were no known cases of ground water contamination associated with hydraulic fracturing, and set forth its opposition to federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing under the underground injection control program in Resolution 09.011, dated January 7, 2009, "Urging Congress Not to Remove Exemption of Hydraulic Fracturing from Provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act"; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the states' public utility commissioners represented by The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners adopted a similar resolution in July 2009;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the American Legislative Exchange Council supports continued jurisdiction of the States to conserve and properly regulate oil and gas production in their unique geological and geographical circumstances.

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Democracy's quick summary

This is a resolution against national regulation of the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing, which should be governed by the Safe Drinking Water Act because this type of drilling expends enormous amounts of drinking water, pollutes with toxic chemicals, and also has been shown to result sometimes in the contamination of nearby drinking water wells and watersheds. Corporations would prefer to pressure states to have weaker regulation of the drilling than might be implemented by a national agency less subject to political pressures.

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