

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 Supporting Citizen Involvement in Elections

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) to advance the Jeffersonian principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets, and federalism; and

WHEREAS, the desire of citizens to organize and support candidates of their choice though campaign contributions indicates an engaged citizenry with a clear desire to participate in elections; and

WHEREAS, contributing to candidates is, next to voting itself, the most common way for citizens to be involved; and

WHEREAS, national data indicates that there is no correlation between campaign contributions and the integrity of the political process; and

WHEREAS, ALEC supports the disclosure of campaign contributions to candidates, political parties, and political action committees as an effective way to identify potential corruption; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has made it clear that the First Amendment protects the rights of individuals to support their own candidacy with their own funds without restriction;

From CMD: Translation--a millionaire has a constitutional right to spend as much of his fortune to get elected as he wishes....

WHEREAS, ALEC is an important, influential voice in the promotion of policies true to the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty;

From CMD: This is a fancy way of saying that ALEC opposes limiting the amount of money that can be donated to a political campaign...

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) supports citizen involvement in elections and opposes all efforts to limit such involvement by limiting campaign contributions.

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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