

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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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 On Firearms Purchase Waiting Periods

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees each law-abiding citizen the right to keep and bear arms of his or her choosing; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 70 million citizens, representing one-half of American households, have exercised this Constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, several attempts have been proposed recently to impose "waiting periods" before the purchase of firearms to determine, under the law, the eligibility of potential purchasers; and

WHEREAS, there is no criminological evidence to show that "waiting periods" are effective in reducing either gun-related or violent crime; and

WHEREAS, National Institute of Justice studies have shown that restrictive "gun control" laws are ineffective against violent criminals who show contempt for all laws; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of "waiting periods" for firearms purchases is a diversion of scarce law enforcement resources away from violent crime and criminals; and

WHEREAS, a task force for the Attorney General of the United States, acting in compliance with a Congressional mandate, has concluded that the nation's criminal record system is inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable; and

WHEREAS, the same task force has determined that even with accurate records for the nation's criminal justice system, any method attempting to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms would be ineffective against more than five-sixths of all criminals seeking to acquire a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has determined that "(t)here are serious obstacles for those who seek support for a federally mandated, seven-day waiting period;" and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the states, including ten states in 1989, have chosen to reject the imposition of any type of "waiting period" scheme on firearms purchasers; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council recommends the rejection, by federal, state, and local governing bodies, of further restrictions on law-abiding American citizens in the form of "waiting periods" of any length; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council supports the conclusions of the Report of the Attorney General on Systems for Identifying Felons Who Attempt to Purchase Firearms and recommends that the states immediately allocate the resources necessary to upgrade the criminal justice reporting system; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council recommends instead that the scarce resources of the law enforcement and criminal justice systems be focused upon uniform, consistent, and just sentencing, speedy trials, and increased punishment and incarceration for those who commit violent crime; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk of the (House of Representatives or the Senate) transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Attorney General of the United States, and to each Member of Congress of the United States.

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