



Expose ALEC Caucus Resolution

WHEREAS: The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is a corporate takeover of our democracy;

WHEREAS: ALEC is a “dating service” that hooks up Republican state legislators with powerful corporations that bankroll them;

WHEREAS: ALEC’s toxic donors include the Koch brothers, Wal-mart, Reynolds Tobacco, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, the Corrections Corporation of America, ExxonMobil and BP – to name a few;

WHEREAS: In a world shaped by ALEC, insurance companies repeal health care reform, polluters draft environmental laws, private prisons profit from human incarceration, and profitable corporations drive down our wages, benefits and retirement security;

WHEREAS: ALEC boasts that 1,000 bills based on its model legislation are introduced in state legislatures each year;

WHEREAS: Fifteen ALEC members continue to serve in the Minnesota House: Representatives Paul Anderson, Michael Beard, Mike Benson, Greg Davids, Matt Dean, Steve Draskowski, Sondra Erickson, Pat Garafalo, Denny McNamara, Pam Myhra, Joyce Peppin, Cindy Pugh, Linda Runbeck, Dean Urdahl and Kurt Zellers;

WHEREAS: Four ALEC members continue to serve in the Minnesota Senate: Senators Bruce Anderson, Roger Chamberlain, Mary Kiffmeyer and Warren Limmer;

RESOLVED: We will expose the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) as a corporate takeover of our democracy;

FINALLY RESOLVED: We will ask our state legislators if they are ALEC members and if they have ever sponsored ALEC legislation. If their answer is “yes,” we will tell them that Minnesotans don’t want corporate lobbyists writing their laws.