

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 in Support of H.O.P.E.

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

Summary

This Resolution recognizes the progress Hawaii's H.O.P.E. program has exhibited in lowering the crime rate amongst probationers. The resolution also supports the program and its success and aims to replicate its results in other states.

Resolution

Whereas, Hawaii's Circuit Judge Steve Alm started the Hawaii Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (H.O.P.E.) program in 2004 in an effort to reduce drug use and crime among those probationers most at risk to commit violations; and

WHEREAS, community supervision programs are a crucial area within the American criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the number of adults on probation is rising: in 2008 that figure was almost 4.3 million, 500,000 more than in 2000; and

Whereas, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is committed to developing effective criminal justice policies that create safe communities for citizens as well as strong state budgets; and

Whereas, the current probation system has proven to be ineffective in that nearly 40% of probationers across the nation fail to successfully complete probation; and

Whereas, spending on corrections has been a leading factor in rising state budgets for 15 years; and

Whereas, by notifying probationers that violations will be dealt with swiftly and surely, by conducting frequent random drug tests, issuing swift and certain sanctions for every violation, and by administering drug treatments to those who need it, the H.O.P.E. program has experienced unprecedented success; and

Whereas, studies have shown H.O.P.E. probationers to be 53% less likely to have their probation revoked, and 61% less likely to miss appointments with probation officers; and

Whereas, H.O.P.E. probationers have proven to be 72% less likely to use drugs, and 55% less likely to be arrested for a new crime;

Therefore Be It Resolved that ALEC supports the H.O.P.E. program and its success, and recommends that actions be taken which will replicate its remarkable results in other jurisdictions.

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