

Campaign Finance Reform Blast

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Common Cause has listed 15 Colorado state legislators who are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). They are urging us to put pressure on these legislators to leave ALEC.



Not being heard is no reason for silence."
Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*, 1862

Don't stop now -- let our representatives know what you think!

Here are the key links from Common Cause:

[List of ALEC Members](#) from Jamie Corey of Documented Investigations

[Email Form](#) at Common Cause to contact Colorado Legislators exposed as ALEC members

[State Legislatures and ALEC: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver \(HBO\)](#) in November 2014

Colorado Legislators who belong to ALEC (Common Cause March 2018)

COLORADO SENATE	COLORADO HOUSE
Sen. Randy Baumgardner	Rep. Polly Lawrence
Sen. Kevin Gratham	Rep. Tim Leonard
Sen. Kent Lambert Sen. Kevin Lundberg	Rep. Kimmi Lewis Rep. Larry Liston
Sen. Vicki Marble	Rep. Bob Rankin
Sen. Tim Neville	Rep. Kim Ransom
Sen. Jack Tate	Rep. Lori Saine
	Rep. Yeulin Willett



The letter from Common Cause (below) gives us new information about the American Legislative Exchange Council and its influence in Colorado.

Dear Common Cause Activist,

A [public records request](#) released yesterday exposed 15 Colorado state legislators as members of the American Legislative Exchange Council, commonly known as ALEC.

[If your state representative or senator is on the list below, please contact them NOW and urge them to leave ALEC.](#)

Colorado ALEC Legislators

Wait... what is ALEC?

ALEC brings together elected leaders and corporate lobbyists to create and vote on model legislation—*behind closed doors and without public input*. These bills are then introduced into state legislatures across the country.

ALEC has been behind legislation to:

- Roll back renewable energy standards
- Make it harder to vote by requiring photo ID at polling places
- Block local governments from raising the minimum wage, restricting fracking, and mandating paid sick leave
- Call for a constitutional convention that would put all Americans rights and civil liberties up for grabs



WATCH: LEARN MORE ABOUT ALEC FROM JOHN OLIVER

ALEC operates in secrecy, and has done an excellent job keeping out of the public eye. The organization does not release the names of their members, and all ALEC meetings are closed off from the public and media. As a result, few people are familiar with ALEC and the damage they have done to the social, environmental, and economic justice movements.

Our elected leaders should serve their constituents—not corporate interests.

[If your state senator or representative is on this list, contact them RIGHT NOW and demand that they cut ties with ALEC.](#)

In solidarity,
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