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Dear Ms. Colombo:

This email responds in part to your public records request dated 9/12/2022 to Speaker Cupp and Representatives Abrams, Bird, Carruthers, Cross, McClain, Riedel, Seitz, Stoltzfus, and Wiggam for “All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) the named Representative or anyone communicating on their behalf (such as a legislative aide, assistant, or scheduler), and (b) any of the individuals listed below:

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The date scope of your request was 9/1/2021 through 9/12/2022.

Responsive records from the offices of Representatives Abrams, Carruthers, Cupp, Cross, Seitz, and Stoltzfus can be accessed at the following link:

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No records have been redacted or withheld from this response. Representatives Bird, McClain, Riedel, and Wiggam had no records responsive to your request.

We will continue to provide records responsive to your request if they are subsequently identified and determined to be responsive.

Sincerely,

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From: Aaron Gillham <agillham@alec.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:01 PM
Subject: ALEC Early-Bird Discount Ends Today!

Greetings to our Ohio Friends,

It was great to be with you last week in the Statehouse and we hope that your marathon session today concludes well. I know you'll be very busy until the gavel strikes but wanted to send out a quick reminder that the ALEC Annual Conference is only 8 weeks away. We are excited by the enthusiasm so far seen to once again convene in person to address the issues of the nation and of the constituents in each of your districts. **TODAY is the final day to register for the conference at the Early-Bird discount**, and we hope many of you will be able to take advantage of this rate before the day is over. I will link to our meeting website below so you can secure your participation:

[ALEC Annual Meeting Registration](#)

We are planning fantastic sessions covering Education Reform Movements, Energy Policy, Human Trafficking, and many other pressing topics. Ohio has always been a strong delegation to have their voice heard in our many task forces and we hope this will be the case again in Atlanta, July 27-29. I recognize that for some of you, our state's split Primary may hinder the ability to break away, but we hope that many others can still make the trip.

If you have any questions about registering for the conference, or your membership in general, please feel free to reach out. For those that have already confirmed their spot this summer, we very much look forward to seeing you!

Regards,

Aaron Gillham
Manager, Legislative Membership & Engagement
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Upcoming Events & Meetings:

2022 Annual Meeting ◊ July 27-29 ◊ Atlanta, GA

2022 States and Nation Policy Summit ◊ Nov 30-Dec 2 ◊ Washington, DC

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From: Aaron Gillham <agillham@alec.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 5:03 PM
Cc: Andrew Handel
Subject: You're Invited - Education Briefing & Luncheon!
Attachments: Ohio Education Luncheon Invitation.pdf

Hello Ohio ALEC Members!

We are excited to announce that we will be visiting the Ohio Statehouse later this month, on **Tuesday May 24 at 12:00 Noon**, for a policy briefing on parental empowerment and education freedom! The American Legislative Exchange Council is teaming up with the Center for Christian Virtue to present on this rising, nationwide conversation. As discussions and debates in school boards across the country continue to make headlines, it is imperative that lawmakers in our state are equipped with the latest information and free-market perspectives.

Lunch will be provided in the Statehouse Atrium. Please feel free to spread the word to your colleagues and we hope you can make time to join us for this special event. RSVPs are highly encouraged.

When: Tuesday May 24 @ 12:00 Noon

Where: The Atrium of the Ohio Statehouse

What: Luncheon and Policy Briefing on Parental Empowerment and Education Freedom

Who: Organized by ALEC & CCV

RSVP: [ALEC CCV Luncheon and Briefing](#)

Questions fielded to ALEC's Ohio Membership Manager, Aaron Gillham
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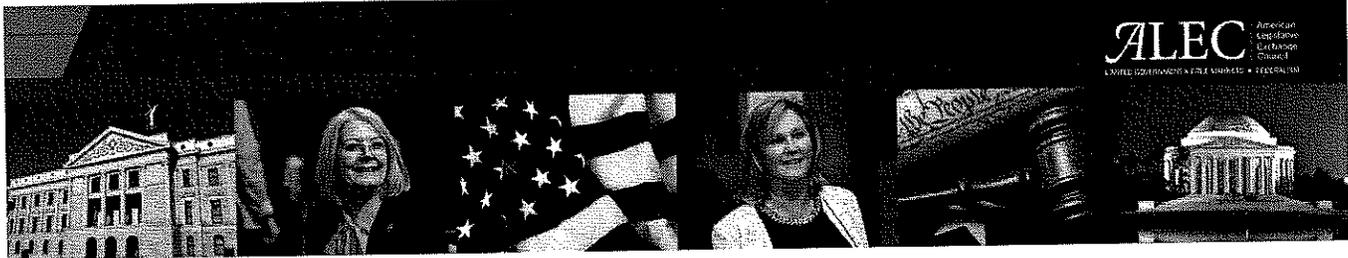
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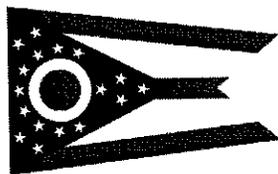
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*Please join us for lunch and a discussion on
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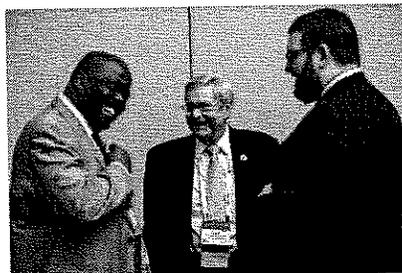
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Statehouse Atrium



Remarks by
The Center for Christian Virtue
and
Andrew Handel, Director of ALEC Education Task Force

Featured Guests
ALEC State Chair, Senator Rob McColley
ALEC State Chair, Representative Scott Wiggam

RSVP Encouraged
Please RSVP online or with Aaron Gillham at agillham@alec.org 513.702.5761



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This Week at ALEC

Keeping you up to date with the latest happenings at
the American Legislative Exchange Council

This week, Jonathan Williams went on the air with WBOB Radio and One America News to discuss two sides of the same coin: What makes a good governor and what makes a bad one? Taiwan's Ambassador reaches out with a message of hope, and we are celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting the role models of the women in the ALEC community—including ALEC's CEO, Lisa B. Nelson. Read more about all these topics below!



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



IN THE NEWS

A Message of Hope from Taiwan's Ambassador

"When people are free to choose, they choose freedom..."

March is Women's History Month and to commemorate it, ALEC is sharing messages from female leaders who are our members and our friends. This [video](#) submitted by Taiwan's Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao offers words of hope for peace.

[Read](#)

On WBOB Radio: Good Governors Cut Taxes

ALEC's Jonathan Williams Goes on the Air to Discuss what Makes a Good Governor

What kinds of qualities make a remarkable governor? ALEC's Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, joins WBOB Radio in Florida to discuss the question and provide the answer.

[Read](#)



IN THE NEWS

On OAN: Bad Governors Double Down on Spending

ALEC's Jonathan Williams Goes on the Air to Discuss what Makes a Poor Governor

Jonathan Williams went live with One America News earlier this week to discuss what makes a governor underperform as a state's chief executive.



ALEC COMMUNITY

Celebrating Women's History Month

Testimonies from Women in Leadership on Their Role Models

ALEC invites you to celebrate Women's History Month with us! Click below to watch two videos on women in the ALEC community sharing their appreciation for the female role models in their life!

"Governors at the bottom five were governors that advocated or in some cases really did enact tax increases on their hard working taxpayers in recent years," Williams said. "These big government policies are clearly having an impact on their economies."

Click below to watch the interview!

[ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson](#)

[Karen Fann](#), President of the Arizona State Senate and current ALEC National Chairwoman

[U.S. Congresswoman Yvette Herrell](#)

[Leah Vukmir](#), former ALEC National Chair and State Senator

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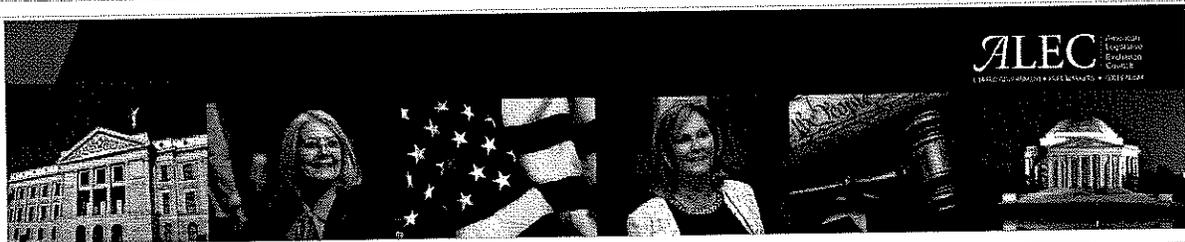
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This week, our Policy Team released two new blog posts, providing insight into key events in healthcare and international supply chain issues. The first takes a look at Virginia's bill on healthcare price transparency. The second evaluates the impact of the Ukraine conflict on the supply of wheat. ALEC has released its 2021 Governors Report and we invite you to register for ALEC's 49th Annual Meeting. Be sure to listen to our latest episode of Across the States—an interview with Representative Phil Green on addressing challenges in agriculture. Read more about all of these topics below!



HEALTHCARE



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Op-ed with the Virginian Pilot: Transparency in Healthcare

Brooklyn Roberts, HHS Director at ALEC, Writes About Virginia's H.B. 481

"Patients are paying for their health care, be it through cost-sharing measures or insurance premiums, and it is important for them to understand the cost of the services they are receiving."

Brooklyn Roberts, the Director of ALEC's Health and Human Services Task Force, recently placed an article with the Virginian-Pilot, explaining Virginia's new bipartisan bill. The proposed law, House Bill 481 would require price transparency for medical services—and that's a win for anyone in need of medical attention. Read more below!

[Read](#)

Agriculture and the Conflict in Ukraine

A Look at the International Supply Chain for Wheat and its Impact on American Farms

The conflict in Eastern Europe is beginning to take a toll on the international supply chain for agricultural products, particularly wheat and barley. With Russia and Ukraine both producing nearly one third of the global barley and wheat supply, the conflict is serving to destabilize markets.

Our Policy Team breaks down the impact and offers state legislators some resources on how to support American farmers.

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PUBLICATIONS



ALEC EVENTS

Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

ALEC's Annual Meeting Taking Place in Atlanta, Georgia from July 27th through July 29th

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The 2021 Governors Scorecard

A Ranked Evaluation of
the 50 Governors of the
United States

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This is a great opportunity to join state legislators, private businesses, and federal representatives to work together to bring about market-based, limited government solutions to the problems facing our country.

[Register Today!](#)

Who are the best governors in the United States? That's the question raised by our most recent publication, the "2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, Grading Americas Governors." The Laffer Group and the ALEC Policy Team evaluate the policies of all 50 governors, ranking them 1-50. To read the report, click below!

[Click Here](#)



ACROSS THE STATES

The Russian invasion of Ukraine combined with regulations at the state and federal level have presented a myriad of challenges for rural Americans and the agriculture industry.

Join Matthew Fisher and Joe Trotter, Director of the ALEC Task Force on Energy, Environment, and Agriculture, as they sit down with Phil Green, Representative from Michigan's 84th District and Chair of the ALEC Subcommittee on Agriculture, to discuss the potential of food shortages, job losses, and more.

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New Episode of Across the States

Meeting The Challenges for
Agriculture in 2022 - An
Interview with Rep. Phil Green

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There's a pair of new episodes of *Across the States*, brought to you from the front lines of the conflict in Ukraine. We celebrate the memory of longtime ALEC friend and policy giant, Bob Williams. Be sure to attend our CIED Taskforce webinar tomorrow and we invite you to register for ALEC's 49th Annual Meeting. To read more about these topics, scroll below.



ACROSS THE STATES



ALEC FAMILY

On the Frontlines in Kyiv Parts I & II

An Interview with Mykola Vorobiov and ALEC's Karla Jones

In a two-part special by Across the States on the war in Ukraine, Mykola Vorobiov, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow & Journalist based in Kyiv, Ukraine, joined Karla Jones, Sr. Director of the ALEC Task Force on International Relations and Federalism, on February 22, 2022. Together, their discussion brings a close-up look at the conflict in Ukraine. Click below to listen!

[Listen](#)



TASK FORCE WEBINAR

In Memory of Bob Williams

Remembering a Free Market Policy Giant and Longtime Friend of ALEC

"Bob was a beloved member of our ALEC family, having served as an ALEC member as a Washington state legislator from 1979 to 1989, a member of the PEAC, and a member of the ALEC staff. Bob's passing is such a loss for the cause of freedom across the states. However, Bob's legacy of principled policy solutions will certainly live on at ALEC — and with our members in all 50 states."

- ALEC CEO Lisa Nelson

Click below to read about the life of Bob Williams and the impact he had on the state policy at ALEC and across the country.

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ALEC EVENTS

CIED Taskforce Webinar: Workers Rights and Labor Reform

A Member-Only Event on
Friday, March 18th at 2:00
p.m. EST

Join ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force this Friday, March 18th at 2:00pm ET for an ALEC Policy Hour focusing on workers' rights and labor reform. Listen in as issue experts from the Associated Builders and Contractors, the American Hotel & Lodging Association, and Senator Tim Scott's office discuss the challenges facing workers and employers and the possible reforms that address these issues. To sign up for this upcoming event, you can email CIED's Taskforce Director, [Gretchen Baldaou](#) by [clicking here](#).

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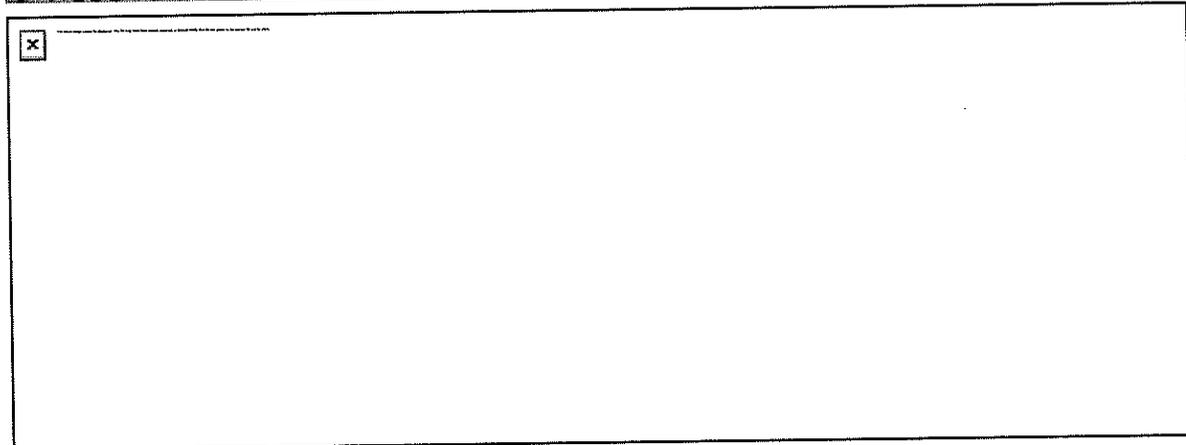
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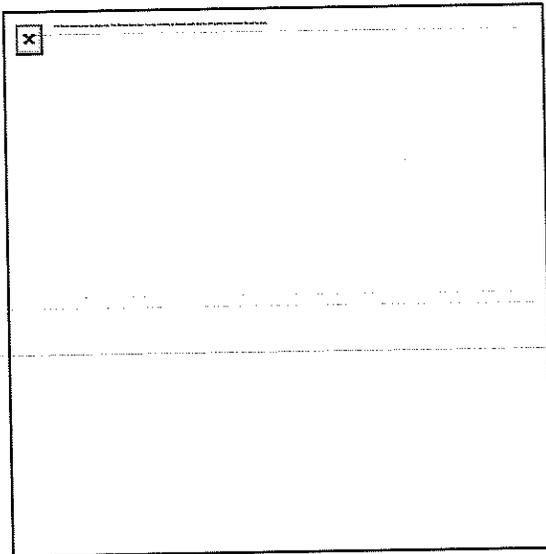
This past week at ALEC, our leadership traveled to Louisiana to work with state legislators to discuss the state's economic trajectory. We published a blog post on the size of the federal debt and hosted a Policy Hour on the conflict in Ukraine. Finally, we've released a new episode of Across the States, examining what state governments can do to address change in the American healthcare system. Read about all these topics below!



ON THE ROAD



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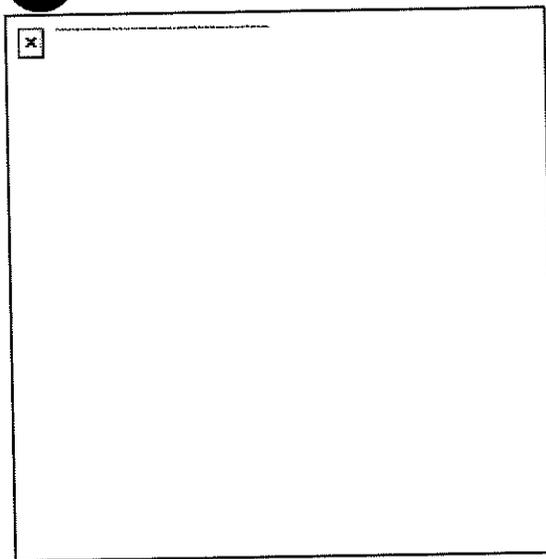


Louisiana's State Chairs, Rep. Mark Wright and Rep. Ray Garofalo, welcomed ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams to the capitol this past week to meet with legislators and to discuss Louisiana's promising economic outlook.

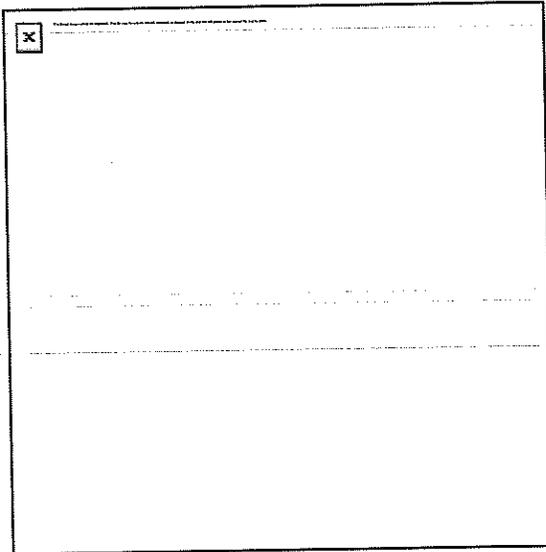
It's always a pleasure to work alongside dedicate public servants like the ones in Louisiana. Be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming ALEC events in states near you!



POLICY BLOG POST



The U.S. debt has just surpassed \$30 trillion, and most of America hardly batted an eye. When large numbers like \$1 trillion



The debate over healthcare policy is usually spoken about in terms of finding a solution at the federal level. But the reality is that state lawmakers possess significant power and ability to bring about positive reforms for their constituents.

Join us as Matthew Fisher sits down with Brian Blase, founder of the Paragon Health Institute, Naomi Lopez, Director of Healthcare Policy at the Goldwater Institute, and Matt Mitchell, Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Equal Liberty Initiative at Mercatus Center, to discuss their publication "Don't Wait for Washington: How States Can Reform Health Care Today."

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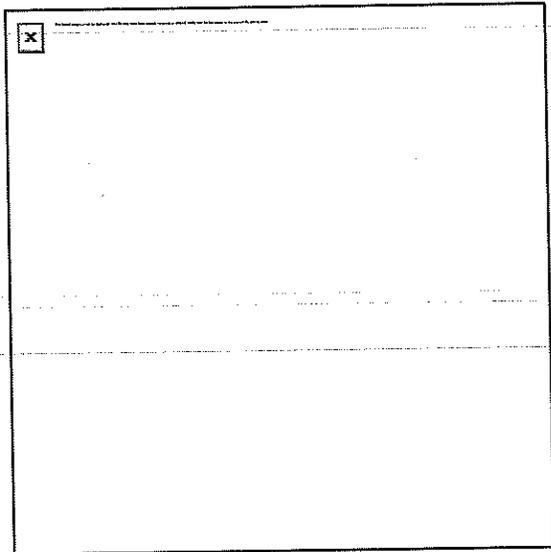


POLICY HOUR

here and \$3 trillion dollars there are thrown around so often by federal leaders, it's hard not to become desensitized.

So what exactly does \$30 trillion look like? How can we put that number into perspective? Read our latest blog post from the ALEC policy team, examining what that number looks like in practice.

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This past week, ALEC hosted a Policy Hour on the conflict of Ukraine. If you happened to miss that event or would like to re-watch a segment you found informative, you can watch the recording below!

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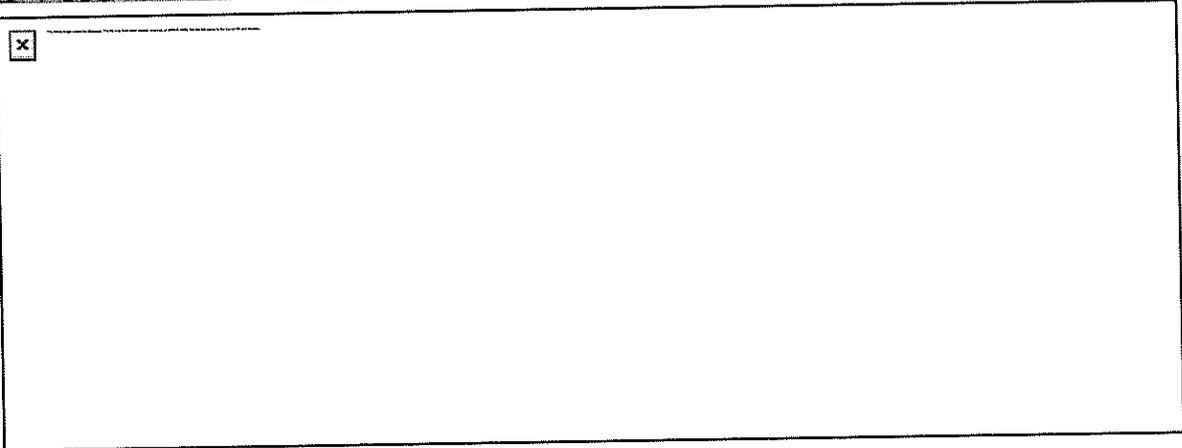
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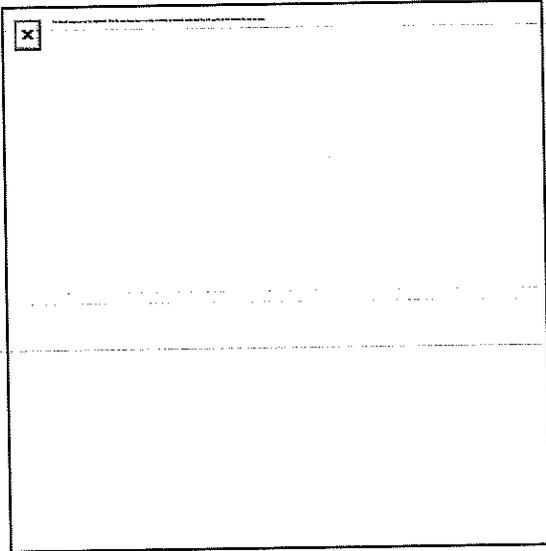
During the past week, our team testified in Pennsylvania on the issue of donor disclosure. We published an article on the Virginia Supreme Court's decision regarding Governor Youngkin's executive orders and released a post on our policy proposals for 2022. ALEC also filed public comments and issued a press release on the EPA's WOTUS Rule. Be sure to register for our upcoming policy hour on the conflict in Ukraine. To read more about these topics, scroll below!



EDUCATION IN VIRGINIA



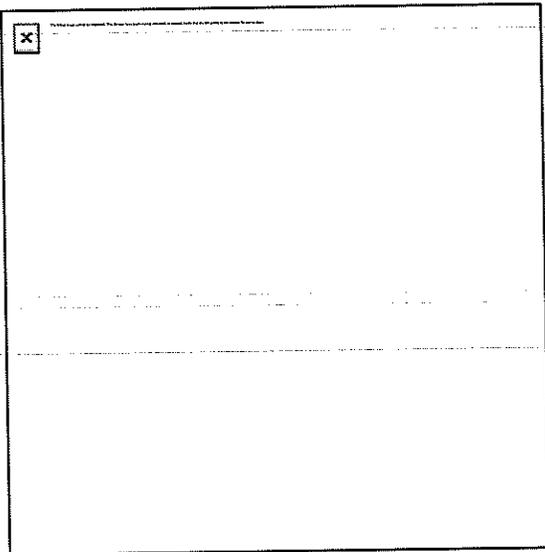
DONOR DISCLOSURE



On his first day in office, Governor Glenn Youngkin issued executive order to put school choice and children's safety in the hands of Virginia's parents. But just as quickly, Youngkin began to face pushback and his administration quickly found itself in court.

Read below about the Virginia Supreme Court decision.

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ALEC recently testified on the difference between donor disclosure and campaign finance. As part of the testimony, we had the opportunity to explain how improper disclosure can chill speech and public participation. View the testimony below!

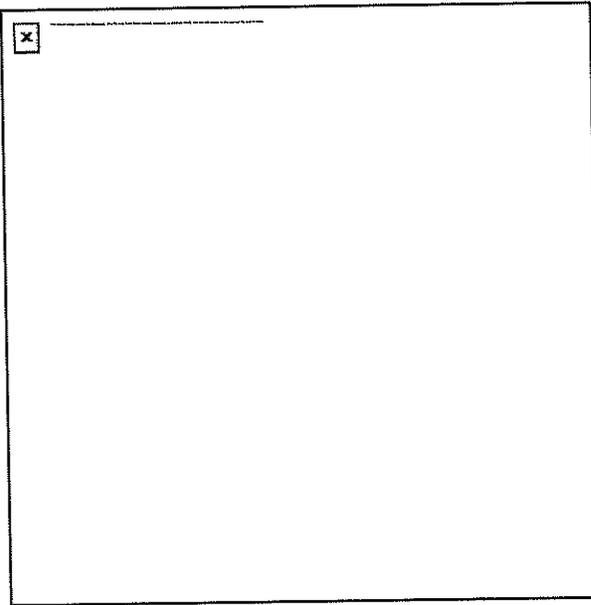
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POLICY HOUR ON UKRAINE

Join us for a very important ALEC Policy Hour with ALEC Alumna Indiana Congresswoman Victoria Spartz on ***Russia's Threat to Ukraine – Implications for US National Security and Global Democracy*** on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 1pm EST.**

Congresswoman Spartz grew up in Ukraine before emigrating to the United States where she became a US citizen and later an Indiana State Legislator. She was sworn in as a member of the 117th Congress in 2021 and recently participated in a

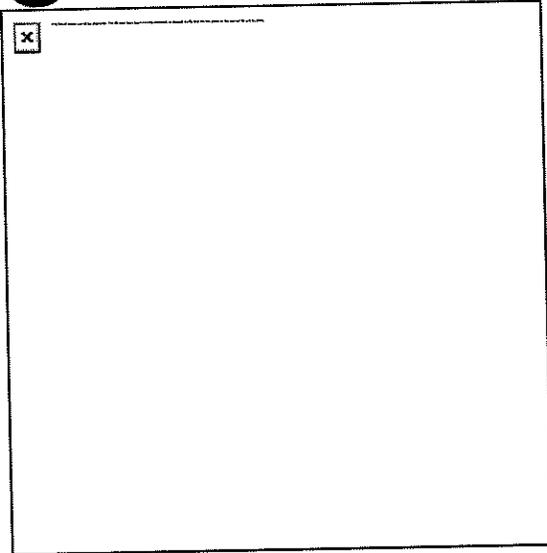


Congressional Delegation that met with Ukraine's President Zelenskyy.

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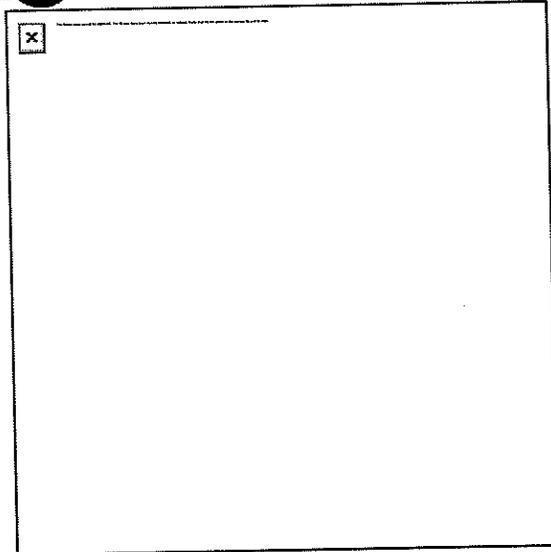


ALEC recently [filed public comments with the Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) asking the agency to withdraw its proposed "Waters of the United States" rulemaking. If adopted, the proposed rule would allow federal regulators to supersede state and local authority over land and waters delegated to their jurisdiction in the Clean Water Act. Read the press release below.

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POLICY PRIORITIES



Throughout our nearly 50 year history, ALEC has always been at the forefront of producing and exchanging ideas and will continue to provide principled solutions that benefit all Americans.

Our entire policy team at ALEC has hit the ground running in 2022, analyzing the best free-market ideas to add to the important discussions taking place across the states and at the federal level in Washington. Read about some of our top priorities this coming year by following the link below!

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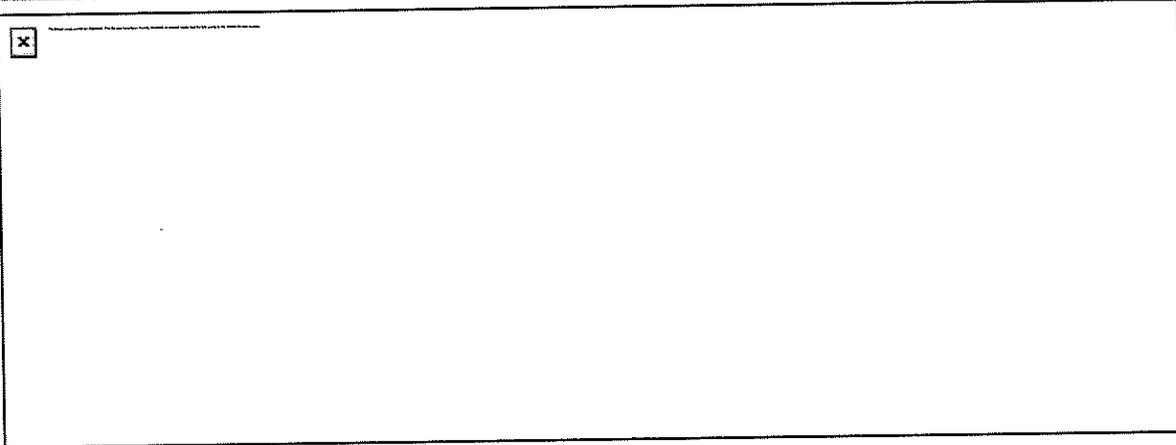
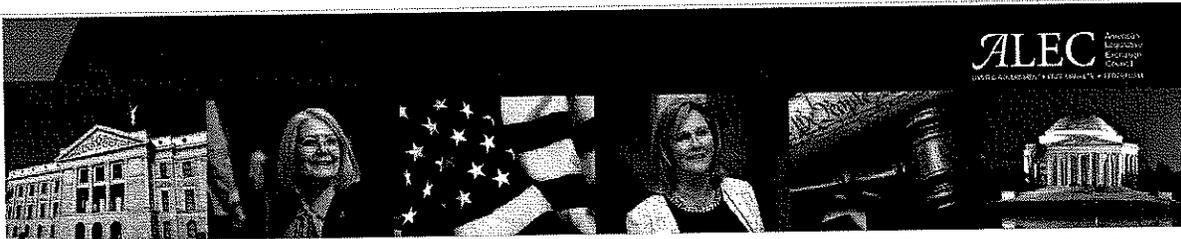
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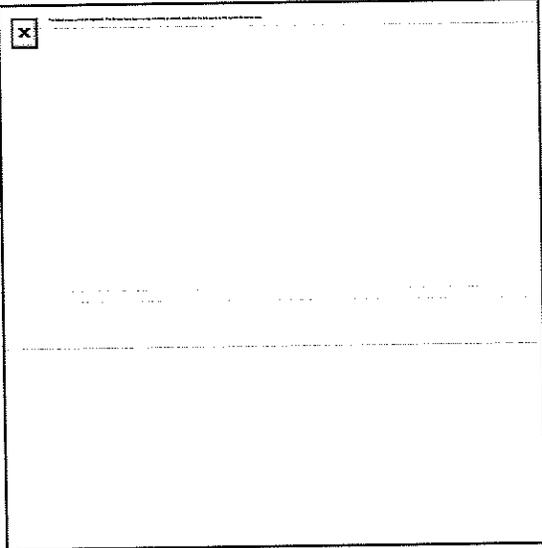
Here's what ALEC has been up to this past week. Our team continued to engage with some of the nation's most pressing topics through our podcast, we've released a pair of new blog posts and we held a policy hour which you can watch below! Read below to learn more on each of these topics.



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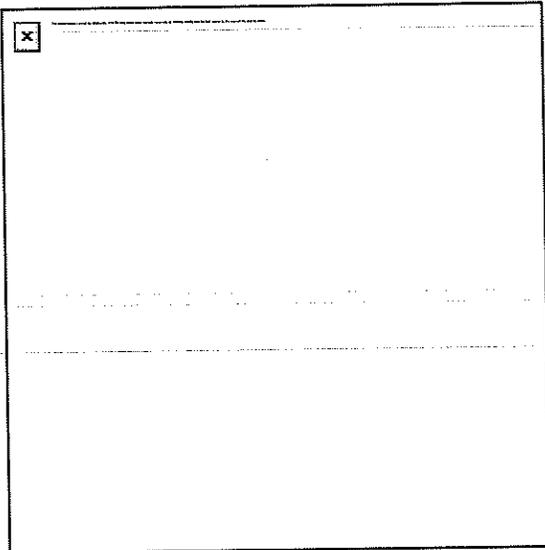
In Loudon County, Virginia, the struggle for parents rights in education has captured the public's attention.

On today's episode of Across the States, we sit down with John Whitbeck, partner at WhitbeckBennet Family Law Firm and parental rights advocate, Bill Ashworth, ALEC Vice President of Public Affairs and Engagement, and Andrew Handel, Director of the ALEC Taskforce for Education and Workforce Development. On this episode, they discuss the situation in Loudoun County, its impact on the 2021 election, Governor Glenn Younkin's recent executive orders, the path forward and solutions.

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ALEC POLICY HOUR



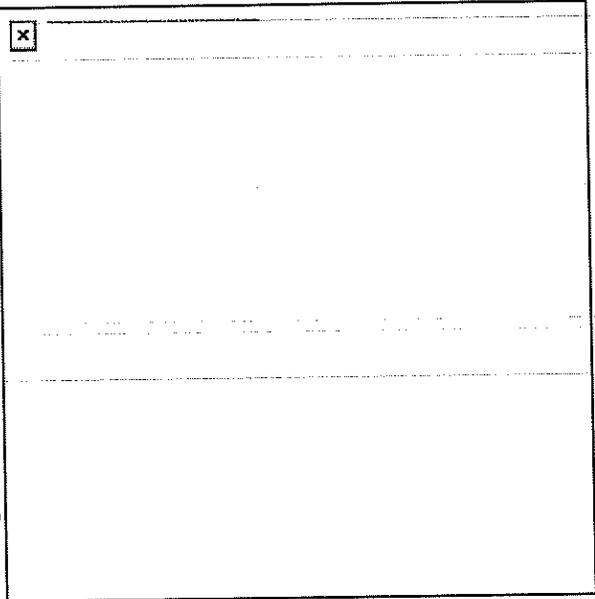
National School Choice Week has brought together students, parents, and educators to collectively recognize the importance of educational freedom and parental choice.

This past year, those concepts have been thrown into the national spotlight. Our recent blog post highlights just how significant parental involvement has become to American voters and lawmakers alike.

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Last week, economist Stephen Moore and Katie Ratlief, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, joined an ALEC Policy Hour to discuss the ways in which America's governors are putting parents back in charge of their children's education.

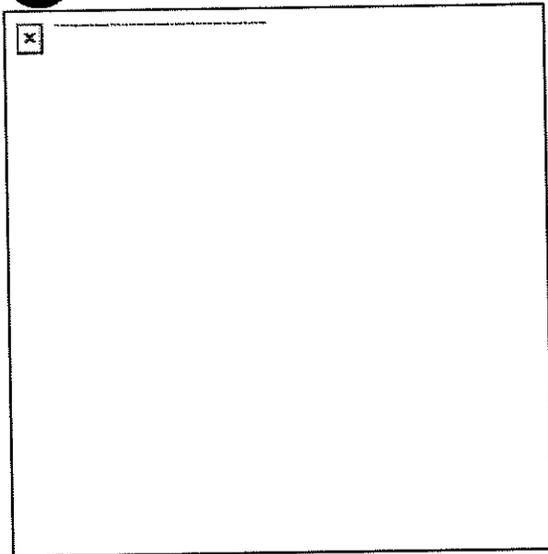
ALEC's Jonathan Williams and Lee Schalk also joined the conversation, covering Gov. Ducey's efforts to utilize federal funds to keep schools open, avoid mask mandates for kids, and provide vouchers for low-income students – despite pushback from the federal government.



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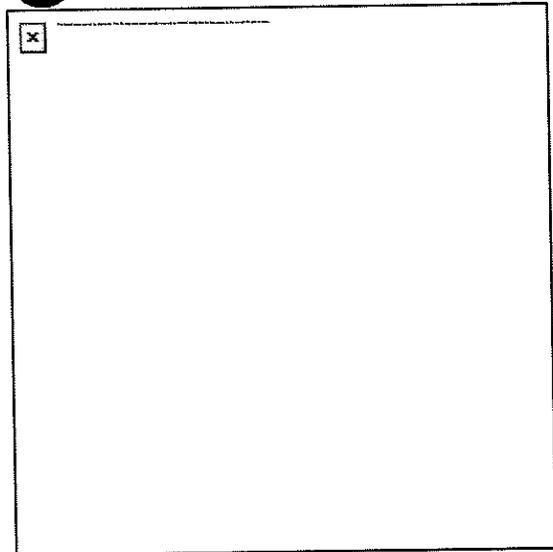


What exactly qualifies as a federally regulated waterway?

That's the question surrounding the non-stop regulatory nightmare facing many property owners and developers who happen to have water running through their land.



ANNUAL MEETING



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The U.S. Supreme Court is granting review of a case challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) interpretation of the Clean Water Rule. Here's why that's an important matter of federalism.

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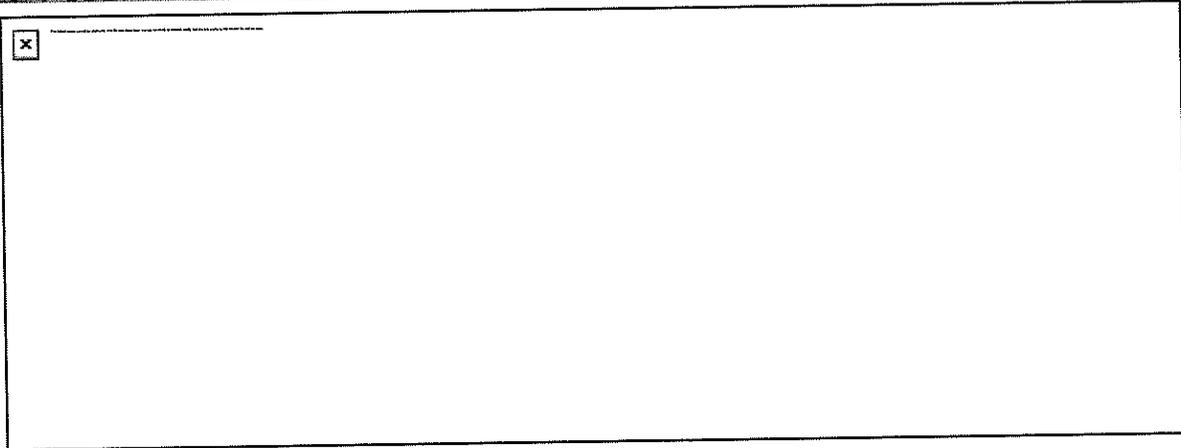
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The ALEC policy team invites you to join us tomorrow, Friday, January 28 at 2pm EST as Deputy Chief of Staff for Arizona Governor Ducey, Katie Rattief, economist Stephen Moore and Oklahoma Secretary of Education Ryan Walters discuss how America's governors are putting parents back in charge of their children's education.

ALEC's Jonathan Williams and Lee Schalk will join the conversation, which will cover how governors are keeping schools open, avoiding mask mandates for kids, and providing school choice options – despite pushback from the federal government.

To join the discussion for this Policy Hour, RSVP below!

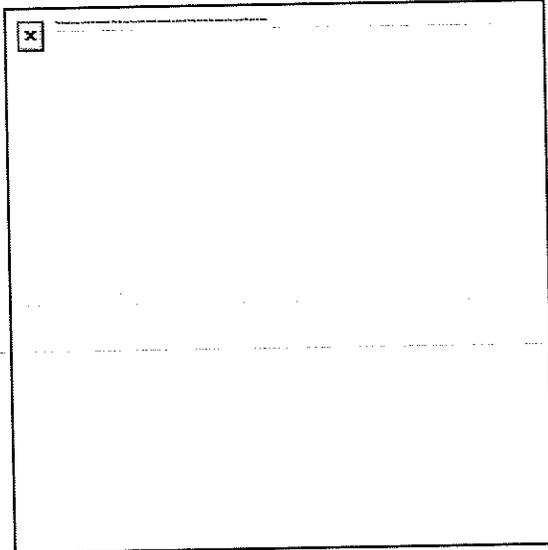
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ALEC's Visit to Georgia This Past Week

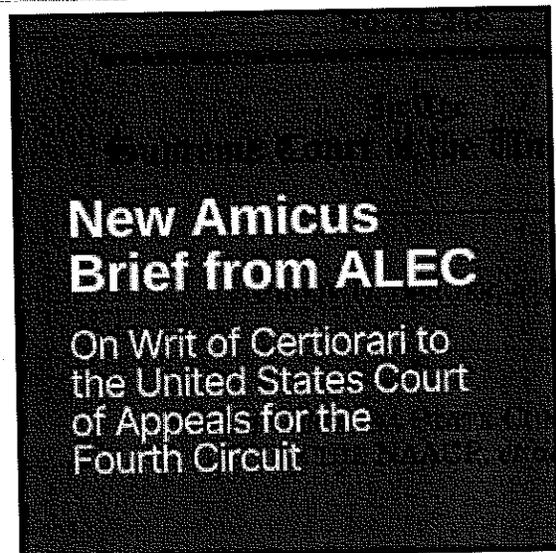


Berger v. North Carolina Conference of the NAACP



ALEC traveled to Georgia alongside pollster Scott Rasmussen to meet with state legislators and partners to discuss a number of pressing issues including election reform.

These topics have been key issues in the past year for the state of Georgia and will continue to be hot-button issues heading into the upcoming midterm elections—not just for Georgia, but for the whole country. We look forward to continuing our support for legislators on these crucial topics.



This past week, the ALEC informed the U.S. Supreme Court in an amicus brief filed in *Berger v. North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP* that state legislatures should have the ability to defend the constitutionality of state laws in court. The Supreme Court is currently deciding whether to take the case. View the brief below!

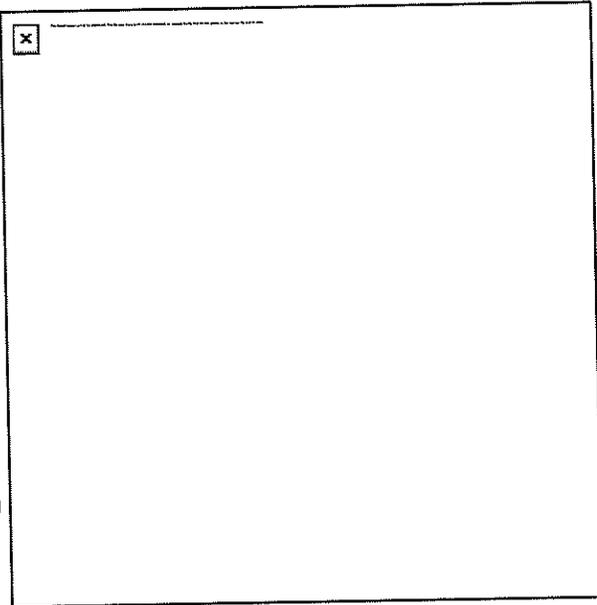
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ALEC Op-Ed Featured in National Review

Writing in *National Review*, ALEC EVP of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams explains Utah's 14-year streak of being ranked number one in *Rich States, Poor States*.

Incredibly, in each edition of our study, Utah has earned the top economic outlook ranking. These rankings are far more than theoretical. The state-by-state unemployment rates showcase a stark difference in policy landscapes and effectiveness in managing the past two years of pandemic responses. Read the op-ed below!



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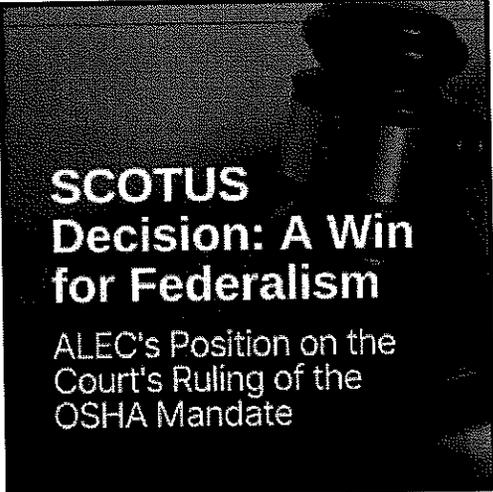
It's been a busy week for the team at ALEC. Across the States released a new podcast episode, our policy teams are preparing to travel, and the Supreme Court handed down their decision on the OSHA vaccine mandates. Scroll below to read more on these topics!



**A Matter of Federalism:
Deciding Who Decides**



**Twitter, Free Speech and
Federal Boundaries**



SCOTUS Decision: A Win for Federalism

ALEC's Position on the
Court's Ruling of the
OSHA Mandate

In a crisis where the Federal Government has largely overlooked federalism as an answer to a path forward, the Supreme Court rightly decided to put the choice of vaccine mandates back in the hands of local authorities.

Read more about ALEC's stance on the Supreme Court's decision on the OSHA vaccine mandate.

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New Episode of Across the States

The Premiere State
Policy Podcast by ALEC

Content moderation on social media has sparked vigorous debate over freedom of speech in online forums. From the permanent suspension of Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene's personal Twitter account to the Heroes of Liberty controversy at Facebook, the intersection of the 1st Amendment and the internet are only growing in importance.

Matthew Fisher sits down with Jonathon Hauenschild, Director of the ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force to discuss Twitter, Facebook, and other social media giants while exploring ways lawmakers can get involved.

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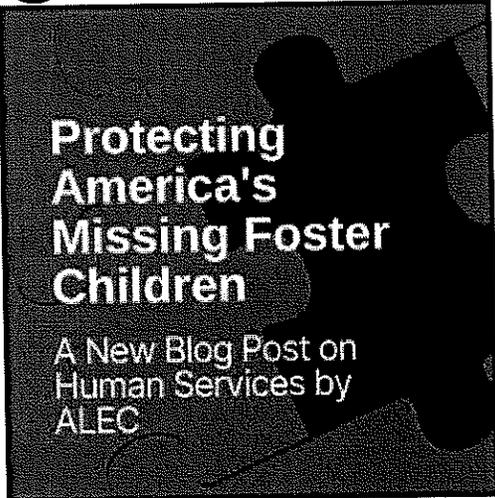
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**Human Services Blog Post:
Missing Foster Children**



Protecting America's Missing Foster Children

A New Blog Post on
Human Services by
ALEC

country's leading public opinion pollsters, will address meeting attendees along with ALEC CEO and President, Lisa Nelson.

Contact our membership team to learn how you can get involved.

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Every year, 20,000 children go missing from foster care. America's foster care system is in need of reform to protect children and give them a chance to grow up in a stable environment.

Read ALEC's recent blog post on common-sense model policy designed to confront the problem.

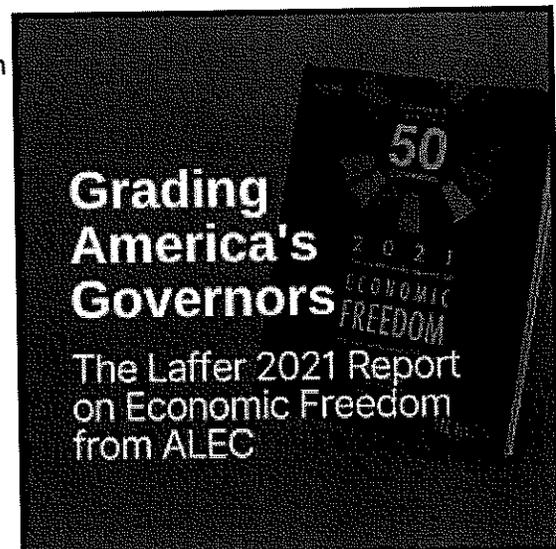
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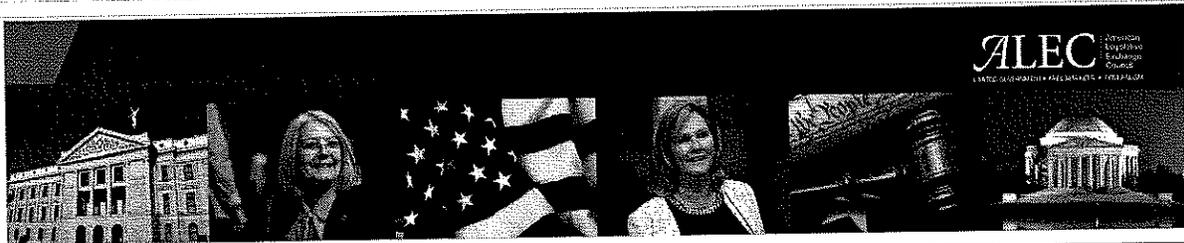
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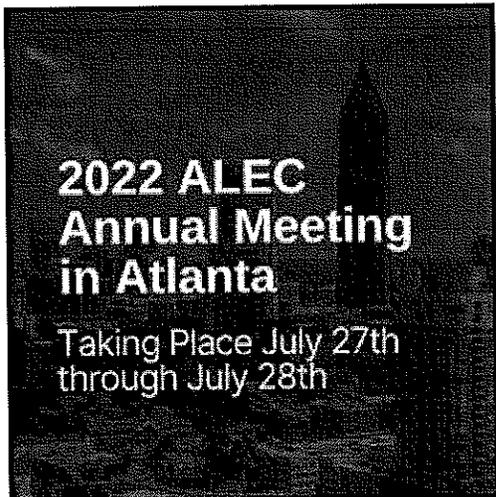
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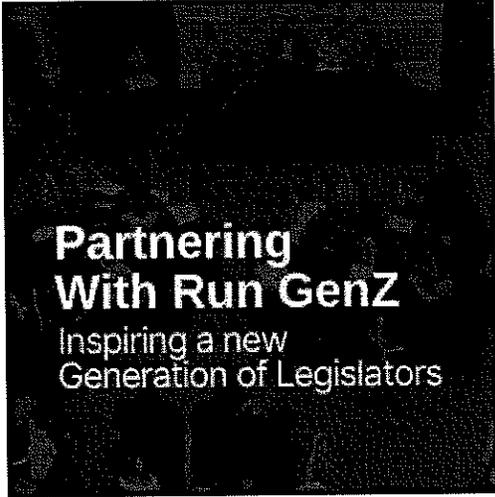


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Inspiring a new Generation of Legislators

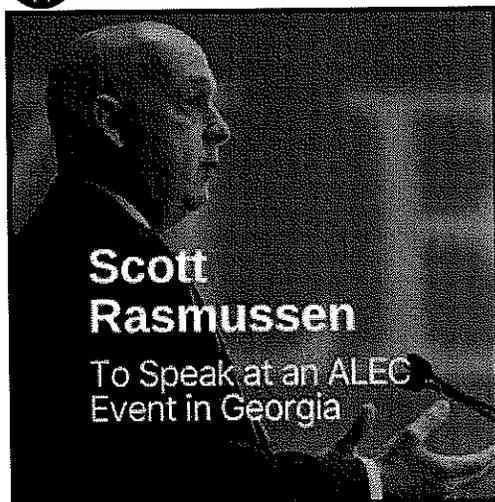
Last week ALEC partnered with Run GenZ at their winter meeting in Dallas. Run GenZ dedicates itself to encouraging members of the next generation to enter positions of leadership in government.

Click below to watch an ALEC TV interview with Caleb Hanna—a member of ALEC, Run GenZ co-founder, and the youngest state rep in WV's legislature.

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Chief Counsel of Gen Justice, to discuss policies that will empower law enforcement and our foster care system to protect America's youth.

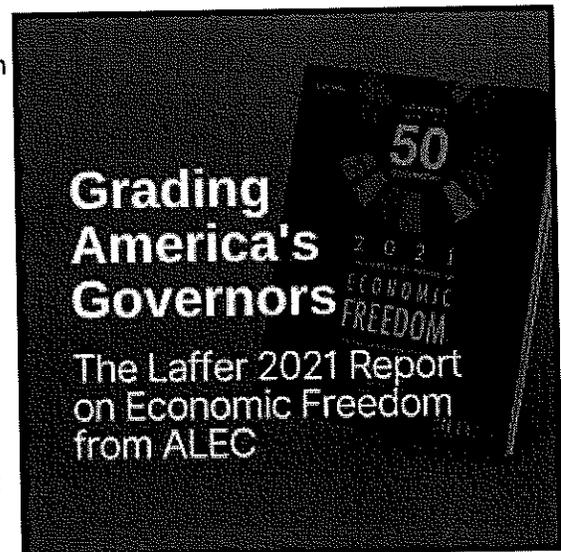
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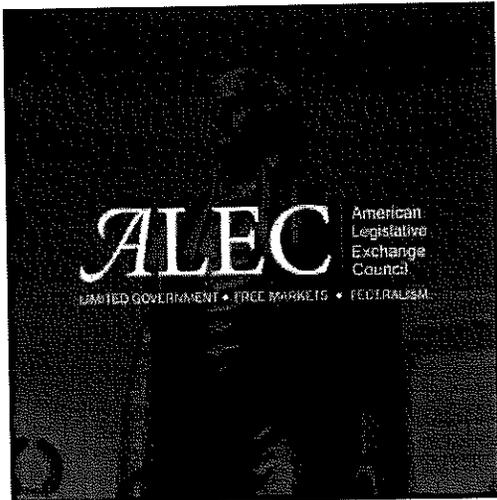
Happy new year from the team at the American Legislative Exchange Council! ALEC has had an extraordinary year in 2021 and hopes to continue excelling in 2022 by starting the year off strong. In the coming months ALEC is planning on hosting events in Virginia, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi and Missouri. If you have questions about these events, [email our membership engagement team.](#)



Renew Your Membership for a New Year

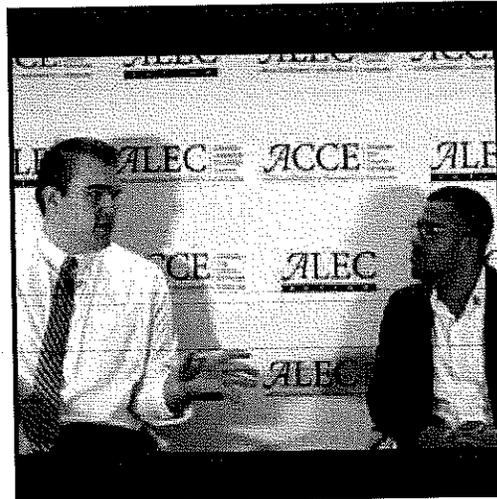


ALEC Partners with Run GenZ in Upcoming Event



Thank you to the 2021 public and private sector members that joined us this past year in advocating for the principles ALEC stands for. As we enter a new year, we encourage you to extend that partnership by reviewing or renewing your membership with us. With your help, we will continue to advocate for limited government, free markets and federalism in 2022.

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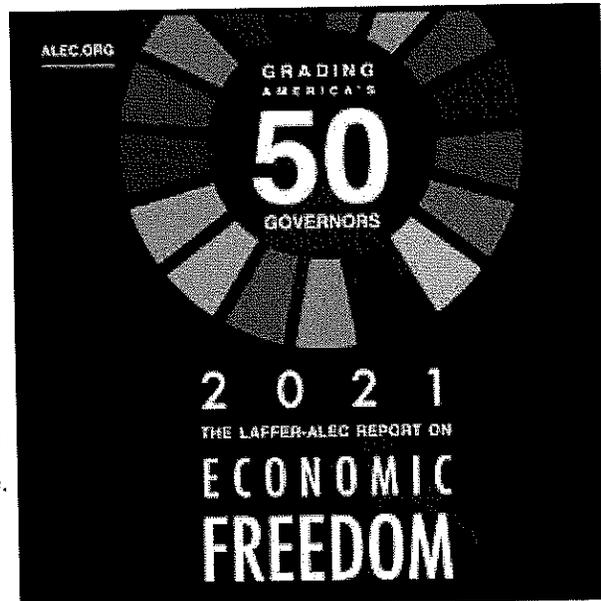
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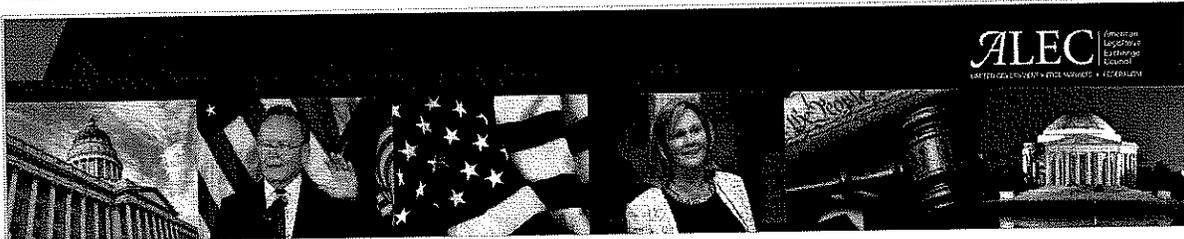
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Making a List and Checking it Twice: CIED's 2022 Policy Wish List

With Christmas only a few days away, it's time for expedited shipping, extra eggnog, and those final touches to your Christmas decorations. It's also the perfect time for the Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force's 2022 policy wish list.

When it comes to business and labor issues, supply chains and regulatory reform, here's a list of the policies we're hoping to get for Christmas. To read our list, check out our blog post below!

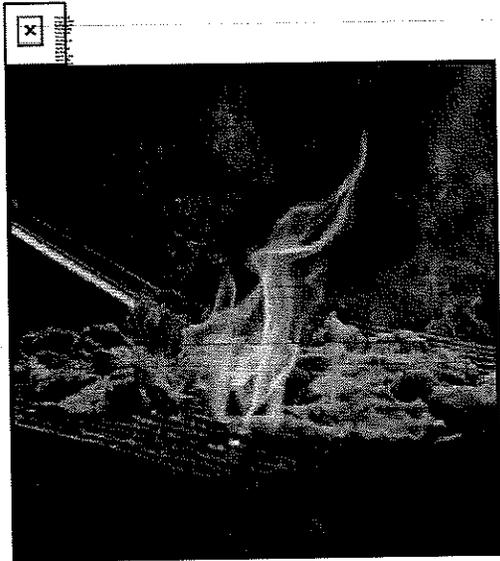
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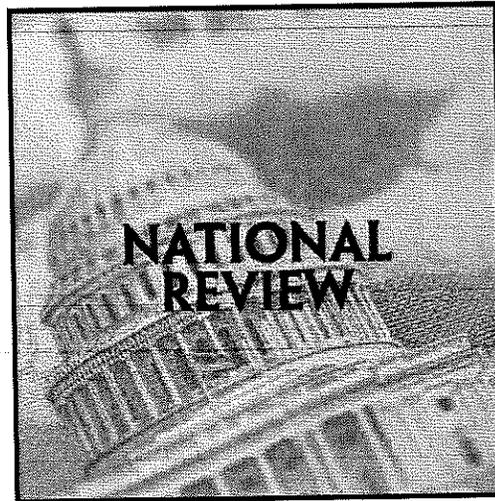
In the News: Tax Cuts Didn't Lay the Federal Debt Trap



While Californians are waking up New Year's Day to find the majority of pork products banned in their state, the country's agriculture industry will be scrambling to adhere to arbitrary requirements pushed by anti-meat activists.

In a new blog post, ALEC looks into California's Farm Animal Confinement Proposition and the toll it would take on the pork industry—both in the state and across the country. With less than five percent of California's pork producers prepared to comply, the price tag of the new policy will be a steep one.

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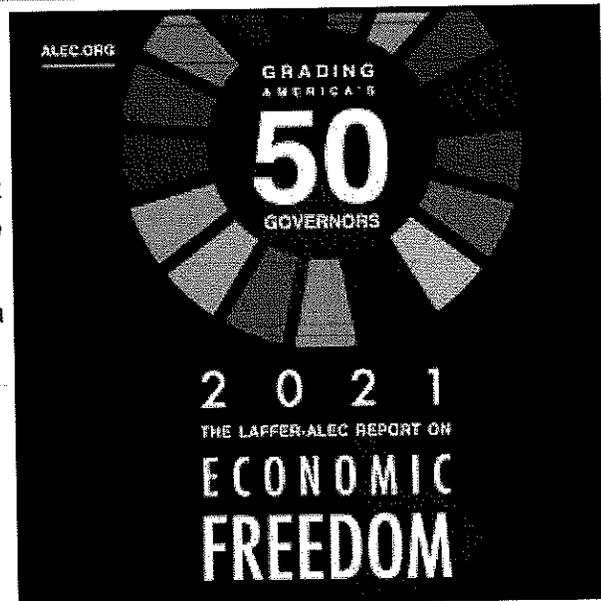
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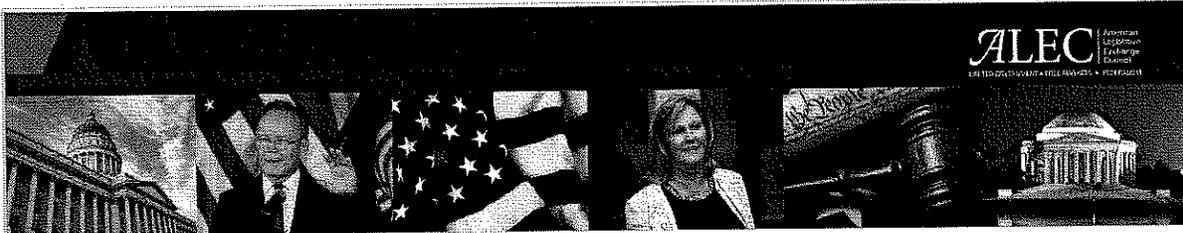
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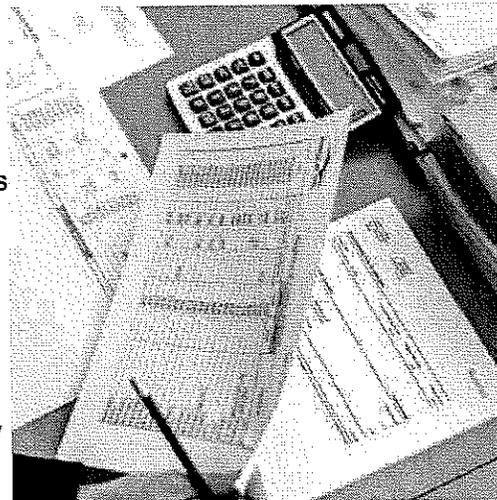
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Inflation Surges to Record High

As the nation continues to recover from COVID-19, the lingering effects of the virus are not the only things troubling Americans. Record-breaking inflation has been keenly felt by consumers in every state.

Inflation surged 6.8% from a year ago in November, the fastest increase since 1982. The Department of Labor notes that annual increases in food and energy prices were the highest in 13 years. Food prices increased 6.1% over the past year. Energy prices have risen 33.3% since November 2020 and gasoline is up 58.1% in the past 12 months. Read our blog post on the issue by clicking below!



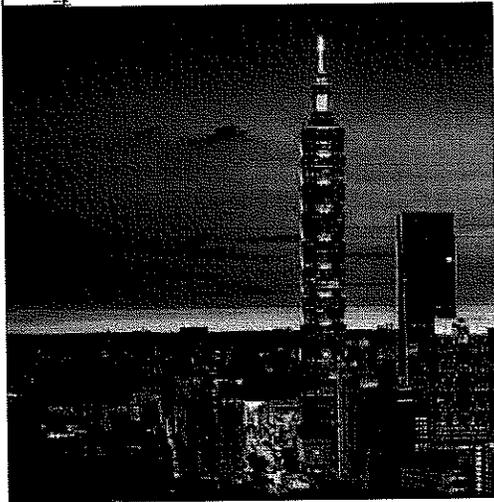
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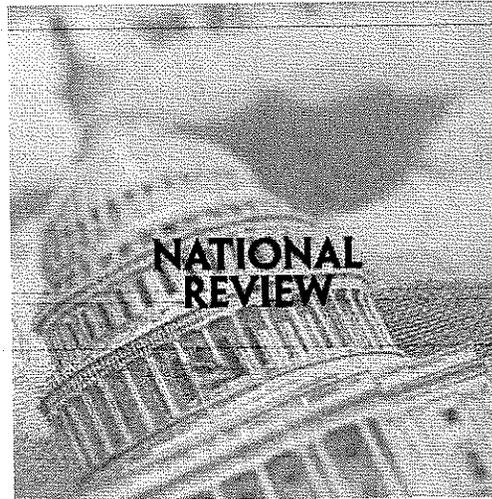


The American Legislative Exchange Council recently became a member of the US-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) in support of closer ties between the two partners.

Here's a portion of a statement put out by the US-Taiwan BTA:

"Strengthening the US-Taiwan economic and strategic relationship has been a priority for ALEC members for more than a decade, and we are pleased to have them on board to formally express their support for a BTA between the United States and Taiwan." Click below to read our full press release!

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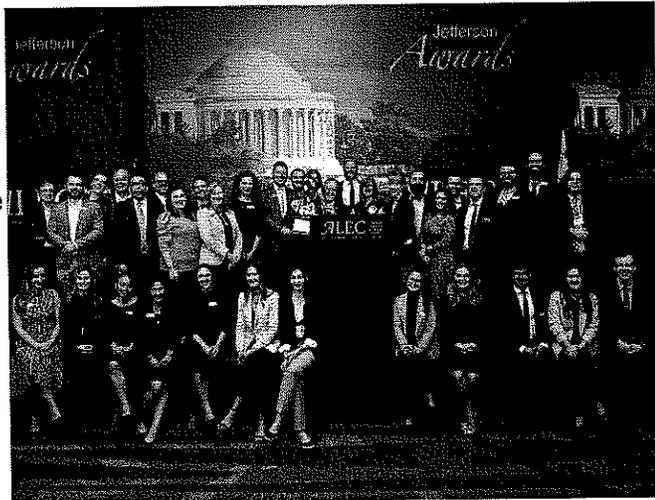
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States and Nation Policy Summit Recap

What a meeting! Coming off of recent elections, more than 800 attendees gathered in San Diego last week for ALEC's annual States and Nation Policy Summit. Thank you to the legislators, the private sector members and everyone who took the time to invest in stronger policies and healthier communities.

To watch a playlist of the speakers from the event, click below!



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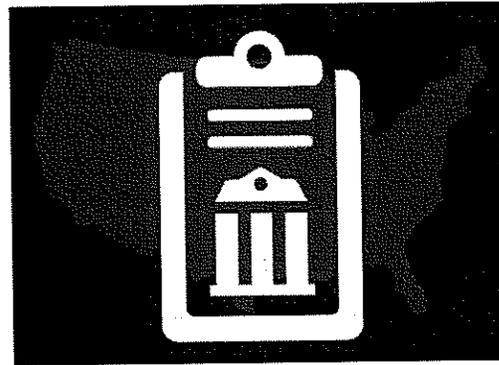
50 Policy Briefings In 50 States



The crisis of homelessness is spreading throughout the United States, impacting over half of a million Americans. But organizations like the Switchpoint Community Resource Center are working to address the problem and make a difference. Join Matthew Fisher as he sits down with Carol Hollowell, Executive Director of Switchpoint, and Andre Cushing of the American City County Exchange as they discuss remedies to homelessness that empower and uplift communities.

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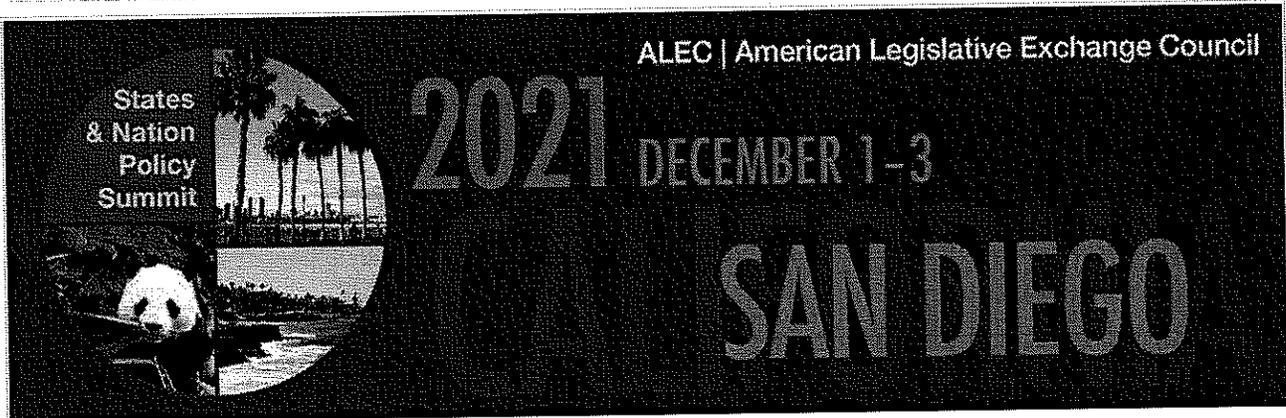
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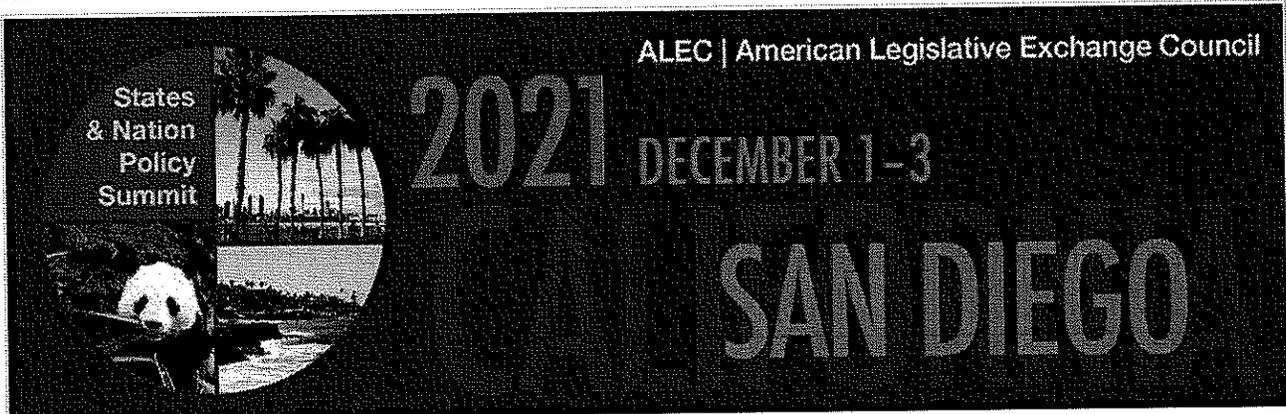
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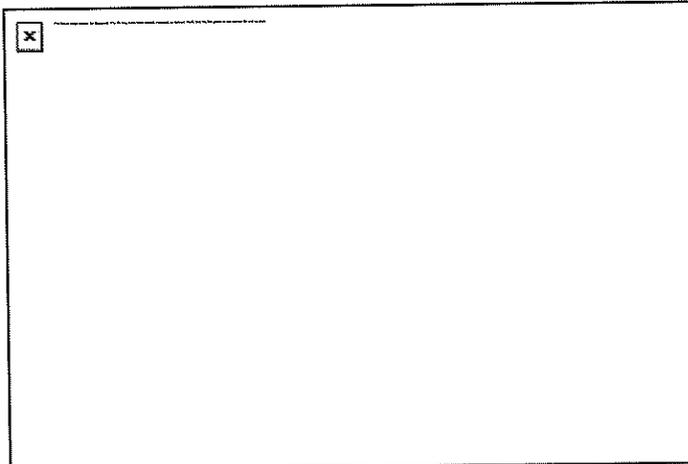


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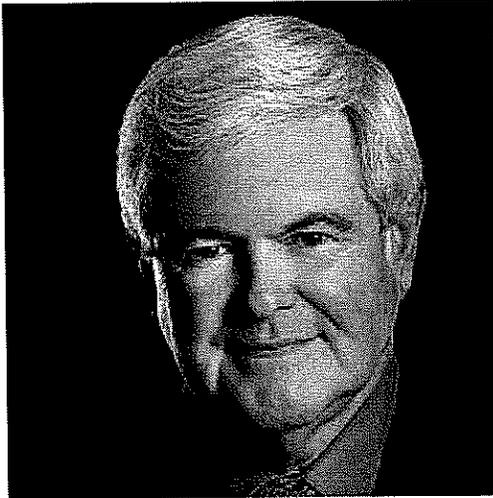
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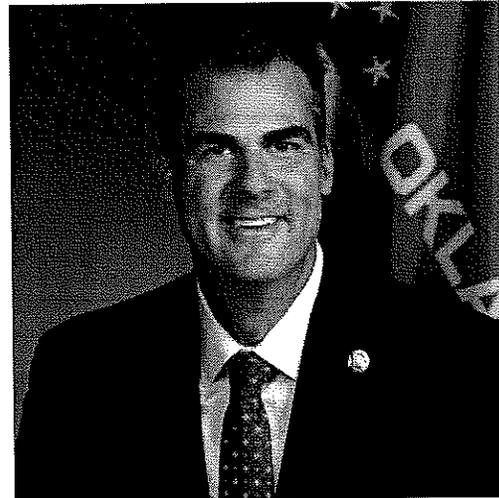
**Newt Gingrich Joining
ALEC in San Diego**



Former Speaker of the House and friend of ALEC, Newt Gingrich will join us in San Diego at the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit. Newt's track record speaks for itself, as former Speaker of the House, Presidential candidate, internationally recognized expert on world history, military issues, and international affairs Newt is a true visionary who has played a leading role in shaping policy over the past 30 years. Hear Speaker Gingrich's remarks from the 47th ALEC Annual Meeting.



**Top-Ranking Governor Kevin
Stitt to Speak at Summit**



We'll also be joined by one of America's top governors, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt. Since taking office, Gov. Stitt has worked together with his Legislature to produce historic reform in five of the largest state agencies, earning him one of the top rankings in the 2020 Laffer-ALEC Report Grading America's Governors.



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