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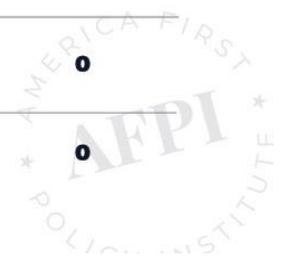
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373 ECONOMISTS AGREE: BUILD BACK BETTER IS WRONG FOR AMERICA



<i>Oppose</i>	BUILD BACK BETTER LETTERS	<i>Support</i>
373	TOTAL SIGNATURES	56
1	NOBEL LAUREATES	0
1	NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL DIRECTORS	0
3	FEDERAL RESERVE BANK PRESIDENTS/GOVERNORS	1
1	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET DIRECTORS	0
1	CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE DIRECTORS	0
1	COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS CHAIRS	0



In light of President Biden’s State of the Union address, AFPI released a full-page advertisement in The Wall Street Journal featuring a statement signed by 373 economists calling the Biden Administration’s Build Back Better agenda wrong for America. This statement refutes the White House’s recently touted letter signed by 56 economists promoting the policy in Build Back Better.

[Learn more about the economists’ opposition to Build Back Better. >>](#)

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- **[The Wages of Tax Reform That Went to America’s Workers — and why Trump’s Tax Cuts Should be Made Permanent](#)** in a Real Clear Policy op-ed by **Linda McMahon**, CEO of the Board and Chair of AFPI’s **Center for the American Worker**
- **[America’s Security and Standing in the World after Putin’s Invasion of Ukraine](#)** in statements from the Chairs of AFPI’s **Center for American Security, Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and China Policy Initiative**
- **[National Marriage Week](#)** in a piece by **Lauren Baldwin**, Policy Analyst for

- AFPI's Center for American Values
- **AFPI's Pennsylvania Act 77 Amicus Brief** by Jessica Hart Steinmann, AFPI's General Counsel, Craig Trainor, Senior Litigation Counsel for AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and Rachel Jag, Associate Attorney for AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership
- **Removing Restrictions to Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance in States** in a state health policy issue brief by AFPI's Center for a Healthy America
- **How True Equality is Enforcing Law and Order** in a piece by AFPI's Center for Law and Justice



Tonight, President Biden will deliver his first State of the Union Address. But what is the true State of America? AFPI's leadership and center chairs outline the **State of America's Security**, the **State of America's Economy**, the **State of America's Border and Security**, and the **State of America of the American Dream** in AFPI's 2022 State of America.



Civil rights icon **Dr. Alveda King**, Chair of AFPI's **Center for the American Dream**, interviewed newly inaugurated **Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears** to discuss challenges and triumphs and the historic place that Lt. Gov. Sears finds herself in today.

[Watch the full interview with Lt. Gov. Sears here >>](#)



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Kudlow's Corner

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The New York Sun: *President Biden Is Powering Putin With Weak Sanctions, Attacks on Fossil Fuels* [Read here](#)

The New York Sun: *President Biden: So Soft on Putin, So Tough on Fossil Fuels* [Read here](#)

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Fred Fleitz, Vice Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined "America Report" on Fox News to [discuss Russia and Ukraine](#).



Steve Yates, Senior Fellow and Chair of AFPI's China Policy Initiative, joined "Fox Business Tonight" to discuss the latest on Russia, Ukraine, China, and Taiwan.

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined Real America's Voice to discuss Russia and Ukraine.

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined the Mark Reardon Show to discuss Russia and Ukraine.

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined Jimmy Failla on Fox News Radio to discuss Russia and Ukraine.

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined the Kevin McCullough Radio show to discuss latest on Russia and Ukraine.

Marc Lotter, AFPI's Chief Communications Officer, joined Sebastian Gorka on America First to discuss news of the day.

Steve Yates, Senior Fellow and Chair of AFPI's China Policy Initiative, joined the Neal Larmer Radio Show to discuss the latest on Russia, Ukraine, China, and Taiwan.

Steve Yates, Senior Fellow and Chair of AFPI's China Policy Initiative, joined the Clay Travis and Buck Sexton Show to discuss the latest on Russia and Ukraine, China, and Taiwan.

Steve Yates, Senior Fellow and Chair of AFPI's China Policy Initiative, **joined** Buck Sexton
"Hold the Line" to discuss the latest on Russia, Ukraine, China, and Taiwan

AFPI Team Highlight



Abigail Slagle

Policy Analyst, Center for a Healthy America

Abigail Slagle lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Houston, Texas, Nashville, Tennessee, and Charlotte, North Carolina, growing up and serves as a Policy Analyst at the Center for a Healthy America at AFPI. Previously, she was a Research Associate in Domestic Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation. In this role, she authored research papers on a variety of health and welfare policies, including Obamacare individual exchange enrollment trends, single-payer healthcare, and COVID-19 response policies.

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Brad, the current state of our economy **IS NOT** sustainable.

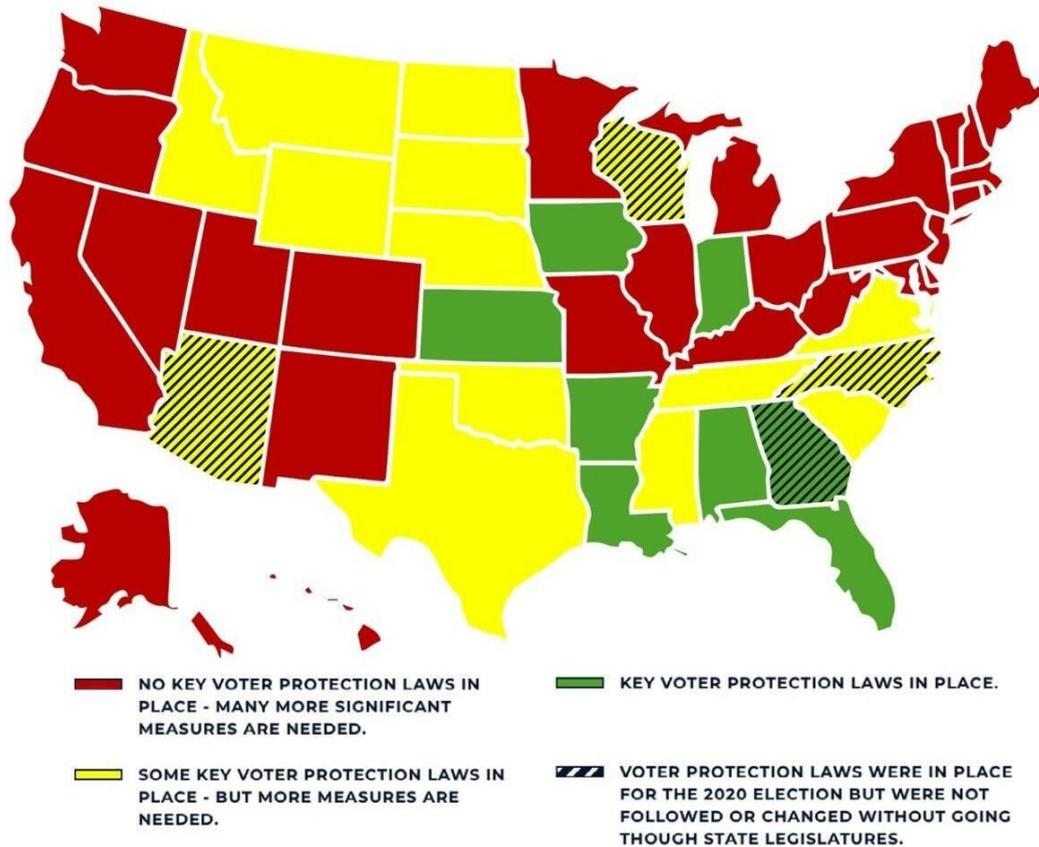
And frankly, it is INEXCUSABLE and causes tremendous strains on American families and small businesses. American energy production and innovation drive economic prosperity and are vital in nearly every aspect of daily life. Reestablishing a secure and resilient U.S. energy sector is the jumpstart America needs, and the economic boost Americans deserve.

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Learn more about:

- **How a Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice Joint Rule is the Latest Deliberate Attempt to Dismantle the Immigration System** in a piece by **Scott Erickson**, Senior Fellow for AFPI's **Center for Homeland Security and Immigration**
- **The Deliberate Plan Behind the Border Crisis** in a Washington Examiner op-ed by **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, AFPI Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, and Chair of AFPI's **Center for Homeland Security and Immigration**
- **Biden Admin Pulled The Plug On Title 42. Now America is in For a Reckoning** in a piece by **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, AFPI Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, and Chair of AFPI's **Center for Homeland Security and Immigration**
- **America First Foreign Policy Principles in Practice** in a piece by AFPI's **Center for American Security**
- **Why Europe Needs a Mitchell Plan, Not a Marshall Plan** in an op-ed in The Hill by **Rick Perry**, former U.S. Secretary of Energy, former Governor of Texas, and Chair of AFPI's **Center for Energy Independence**
- **Testimony on Ohio House Bill 441** in a piece by **James Sherk**, Director of AFPI's **Center for American Freedom**
- **If Americans Afford Spring Break in Joe Biden's America** in a piece by **James Carter**, Director of AFPI's **Center for American Prosperity**, and **Mya Phillips**
- **Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review: Missed Opportunity to Put America First** in a piece by AFPI's **Center for American Prosperity**
- **Biden's Supreme Court Nominee Doesn't Define 'Woman,' and Devalues Them All** in a Fox News op-ed by **Dr. Alveda King**, Chair of AFPI's **Center for the American Dream**
- **Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson: Not Supremely Qualified** in statements by **Matt Whitaker**, former Acting U.S. Attorney General and Co-Chair of AFPI's **Center for Law and Justice**, and **Pam Bondi**, former Florida Attorney General, Co-Chair of AFPI's **Center for Law and Justice**, and Chair of AFPI's **Constitutional Litigation Partnership**
- **Biden's Far-Left Approach to 'Health'** in a Washington Times op-ed by **Bobby Jindal**, former Governor of Louisiana and Chair of AFPI's **Center for a Healthy America**, and **Abigail Slagle**, Policy Analyst for AFPI's **Center for a Healthy America**
- **Myths Versus Facts School Choice in Iowa** in a piece by AFPI's **Center for Education**

Center for Election Integrity Interactive Map – Learn Which States are Making it Easy to Vote But Hard to Cheat



AFPI’s **Center for Election Integrity (CEI)** released a NEW, interactive, color-coded, online map that ranks each state’s election integrity laws. CEI utilized several key commonsense measures that more than 80% of Americans support to restore faith, trust, and confidence in our elections:

- **Photo ID requirements**
- **Ballots being returned to election officials by Election Day**
- **Ending weak Ballot Harvesting laws**

Is your vote **protected**?

Is your vote **secure**?

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The New York Sun: *In Biden Laptop Case, It's the Arrogance That Infuriates Americans* [Read here](#)

The New York Sun: *Elon Musk Rides to America's Rescue, Again* [Read here](#)

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Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, AFPI Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, and Chair of AFPI’s Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined “America Reports” to **discuss the consequences of removing Title 42 at the border.**

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Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, AFPI Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, and Chair of AFPI’s Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, **joined** the Guy Benson Show to discuss the consequences of removing Title 42 at the southern border.

Steve Yates, Director of AFPI’s China Policy Initiative, **joined** Dana Loesch Radio to discuss national security and threats from China.

Marc Lotter, AFPI’s Chief Communications Officer, **joined** Fox News at Night to discuss the latest on Russia and Ukraine and news of the day.

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI’s Center for Election Integrity, **joined** the Joe Piscopo Show to discuss the disconnect in the Biden Administration.

Events

Upcoming Events

[AFPI Speaker Series: America First Foreign Policy Featuring Keynote Speaker U.S.](#)

[Senator Ted Cruz](#)

Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 9:00 AM Eastern

Previous Events



SECRETARY CHAD WOLF



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Fred Fleitz



TUNE IN TODAY, MARCH 31 AT 6:00 PM
FOR A LIVESTREAM DISCUSSION ON
UNLEASHING U.S. ENERGY DOMINANCE
FEATURING SENATOR BARRASSO (R-WY),
SECRETARY DAVID BERNHARDT & FRED FLEITZ

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AFPI Team Highlight



Sam Trippie

Development Specialist

Sam Trippie is from Buffalo, New York, and serves as Development Specialist for AFPI. Prior to joining AFPI, Sam worked compliance and payables for various federal and state campaigns. Sam also had the pleasure of interning at the Heritage Foundation under their development team. In Buffalo, Sam braved the snowy winters at Niagara University, where he studied Political Science. Sam currently resides in Washington, D.C., and in his free time, he likes to watch the Buffalo Bills win the AFC East and the Sabres avoid last place.

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Keeping Israel Safe

\$1 Billion for Iron Dome

This month, Congress signed the largest-ever funding bill for Israel's security, which includes many key pro-Israel provisions.

Critically, the bill includes \$1 billion in emergency funding to replenish Israel's lifesaving Iron Dome.

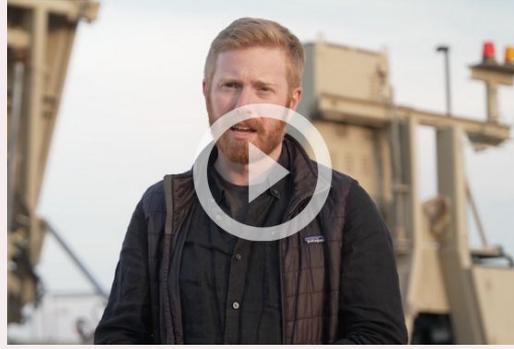
Context: In May 2021, Hamas launched over 4,300 rockets at Israel in just 11 days, significantly depleting Israel's supply of Iron Dome interceptors.

Why it matters: This funding is an important, months-long accomplishment, made possible through your work with AIPAC.

Big picture: This achievement would not have happened without strong relationships with pro-Israel members of Congress from across the political spectrum.



Rep. Ted Deutch on the importance of Iron Dome



Rep. Peter Meijer on the importance of Iron Dome

Visit your **Feed** for more videos featuring members of Congress speaking about the importance of Israel's lifesaving Iron Dome.



Events this Week

A New Era: Israeli-Emirati Connections with Online Activist Loay Alshareef

 [REGISTER](#) • MARCH 24, 2022 • 3-3:30 PM ET



Loay Alshareef joins AIPAC from Abu Dhabi to discuss his work as a peace activist and social media influencer, as well as the significance of the Abraham Accords.

Mr. Alshareef is a linguist based in the UAE. Since 2012, Loay has created and produced educational shows on YouTube. Alshareef is interested in modern languages, particularly English and ancient semitic languages. He is passionate about learning Arabic, Hebrew, and Syriac traditions and ancient history.

Alshareef aims to use his knowledge in Judeo-Arabic heritage to build better relations

between Arabs and the Jewish people in hopes of a better future for everyone.



Videos On-Demand

Life in the Gaza Envelope with the Mayor of Sderot

VIDEO • MARCH 9, 2022



Alon Davidi — Sderot’s mayor, a husband and a father — brings us to his community near the Gaza border, where Israeli families live under threat of Palestinian terrorism.

Earlier this month, Congress passed the largest-ever funding package to Israel — including \$4.8 billion in security assistance and an additional \$1 billion for Iron Dome.



PM Bennett: "We are very concerned" about possible lifting IRGC sanctions

VIDEO • MARCH 20, 2022



Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, at the start of the weekly Cabinet meeting: "We are very concerned about the United States' intention to give in to Iran's outrageous demand and remove the IRGC from the list of terrorist organizations."



i24NEWS

Israel begins construction of field hospital in Ukraine

 VIDEO • MARCH 21, 2022



The hospital is expected to begin operating as early as Tuesday.



What to Listen to

The Jerusalem Post Podcast

Should Israel allow in Ukrainian refugees?

 **PODCAST** • THE JERUSALEM POST



Lahav and Yaakov moderate a debate between Uri Zaki, head of the Meretz Executive Board and Yishai Fleisher, international spokesperson for the Jewish community of Hebron.

They also talk about the Iran deal that is coming, and this week's Purim celebrations after two years of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Talking points for John Solomon Interview:

Non-Citizen Voting:

As Secretary of State, I am working to ensure only American citizens are voting in our elections. That is why I am fight in court preventing Stacey Abrams and other liberal who are trying to get rid of Georgia's citizenship check. And make no mistake about it, we will beat them in court.

For the first time in the history of Georgia our office conducted an audit of voter rolls utilizing updated information from Department of Drivers Services to reverify citizenship. We also used (USCIS) through Department of Homeland Security's program "SAVE" the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements.

There are 2,258 potential non-citizens. We found 1632 who came back as unverifiable, or potential non-citizens. We found an additional 500 are missing any form of identification number.

As Biden, Stacey Abrams and other liberal groups fight to prevent Georgia from conducting list maintenance, Georgia was recently named the number one state in the country for voter roll accuracy by the Heritage Foundation. We will continue to verify and reverify our voter rolls to ensure that only American citizens are voting in our elections.

Update on Ballot Harvesting:

Our office opened up an investigation into allegation on ballot harvesting in Georgia. As a reminder, on day one, as Secretary of State pushed legislation to ban ballot harvesting in Georgia. As the pandemic hit, and countries started to expand drobox , our office made sure that we have physical or video monitoring of county

droboxes 24/7.

While we do not comment on pending investigations I will tell you that we will get to the bottom of this, and we will prosecute.

Milton County:

It looks like the General Assembly killed the Buckhead City Creation legislation, but there is another option that no one is talking about. I am calling on the General Assembly to pass my legislation from 2017 that creates the newly formed Milton County, and once and for all separate north Fulton and Buckhead from Fulton County's failed government system. From failed elections, to botched tax collection rollouts, to a failed police force and rising crime, Fulton County has neglected areas like Alpharetta, Milton, Johns Creek, Sandy Springs and other north Fulton areas. That is why we need to create a new Milton County so we can control the quality of our services and get our elections back in order. Our taxpayers deserve better. We need Milton County now.

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[No noncitizen voters found in Georgia election review](#)

(AJC)

3/29/22

Citizenship checks prevented any noncitizens from voting in recent elections in Georgia, though 1,634 people with unverified U.S. citizenship tried to register to vote, according to a review released Monday by state elections officials. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said the review shows that citizenship precautions are working.

"We want to make sure that noncitizens aren't voting in the state of Georgia," said Raffensperger, a Republican seeking [reelection](#) this year. "Hopefully, that's another [allegation](#) of 2020 we can put to rest. Noncitizens are not voting in the state of Georgia."

The secretary of state's office compared about 4,500 people whose registrations were pending citizenship verification with a federal program called Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements. Of those, 1,634 individuals' citizenship couldn't be confirmed through SAVE. Election officials will continue to investigate their citizenship status. Georgians whose registrations are pending but have recently become U.S. citizens can cast a ballot if they provide documentation to county election officials. In some cases, it's possible that state or federal citizenship records are out of date....

[Fulton names sole finalist for elections director – Update: Fulton's choice for elections director withdraws name](#)

(AJC)

3/28/22

The Fulton County elections board named a finalist for the elections director position Monday — about 50 days before the general primary election begins.

Derek Bowens, who currently leads elections in Durham County, North Carolina, is the sole finalist for the position.

Durham County is home to roughly 325,000 residents, or about one-third of Fulton's population.

Richard Barron will official leave as Fulton County's election director on Friday.

Bowens, if approved by county commissioners April 13, would then weather national partisan scrutiny and the [threat of a state takeover](#) through the state's red-hot Senate and gubernatorial races. Fulton is home to 10% of all Georgia voters.

Bowens, [according to his LinkedIn](#), has lead Durham elections nearly 5 years and before that ran elections for the North Carolina county in which Wilmington sits.

Barron [announced his resignation](#) at the end of 2021, but [agreed to stay](#) until April 1 to ensure a smooth transition.

Barron took the \$125,000-a-year job in 2013, which is an impressive run compared to his five predecessors' total of six years in the job....

['Going rogue': 2 Nevada counties push for paper ballots ahead of primary election](#)

(Reno Gazette Journal)

3/28/22

As Nevada prepares for its first political contest since former President Donald Trump lost reelection and galvanized widespread lies that the election was stolen, two counties have pushed to abandon voting machinery and return to paper ballots and hand counts.

But critics say such drastic changes to Nevada's election procedures could be costly — and dangerous — with far-reaching impacts ranging from human error and major delays in results to lower voter turnout and staffing issues at the polls.

"Some of our counties are going rogue," said Doug Goodman, who sits on the board of a committee that assists the Secretary of State's office in promoting democratic participation among Nevadans.

Yet Nevada's first foray into electronic voting started with worries about fraud.

In 1994, Clark County tested voting machinery in one of its districts during a midterm election that would later come to be known as the Republican Revolution. That major shift was fueled in part by criticism that the antiquated paper ballot system was vulnerable to cheating.

Now, as unfounded election lies continue to undermine confidence in American democracy, Nevada's voting procedures could again unravel under the same claims that helped move the state into the electronic voting age nearly two decades ago...

[Election officials blast Georgia bill as 'security theater'](#)

More: [Local Election Officials in Georgia Oppose G.O.P. Election Bill](#)

(AP)

3/29/22

Some Georgia county election administrators are blasting proposed changes to state election law as "security theater." They testified Monday that proposed House Bill 1464 would waste time and money while driving away scarce election workers. The measure, earlier passed by the House, would let the Georgia Bureau of Investigation investigate election fraud without an invitation from other officials. It would create extensive new chain-of-custody requirements for handling ballots. Under the bill, only the State Election Board could accept private donations for election administration. It would let people physically inspect paper ballots after an election...

[1-in-6 Election Officials Report Being Threatened](#)

(Route50)

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One in six election officials surveyed have experienced threats and 50% have been threatened in person, according to a [report by Benenson Strategy Group](#), a consulting and strategic research firm. In addition, 77% say these threats have increased in recent years, and that they need more support at the federal and local levels.

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Citizenship checks prevented any noncitizens from voting in recent elections in Georgia, though 1,634 people with unverified U.S. citizenship tried to register to vote, according to a review released Monday by state elections officials. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said the review shows that citizenship precautions are working.

"We want to make sure that noncitizens aren't voting in the state of Georgia," said Raffensperger, a Republican seeking [reelection](#) this year. "Hopefully, that's another [allegation](#) of 2020 we can put to rest. Noncitizens are not voting in the state of Georgia."

The secretary of state's office compared about 4,500 people whose registrations were pending citizenship verification with a federal program called Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements. Of those, 1,634 individuals' citizenship couldn't be confirmed through SAVE. Election officials will continue to investigate their citizenship status.

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Yet Nevada's first foray into electronic voting started with worries about fraud.

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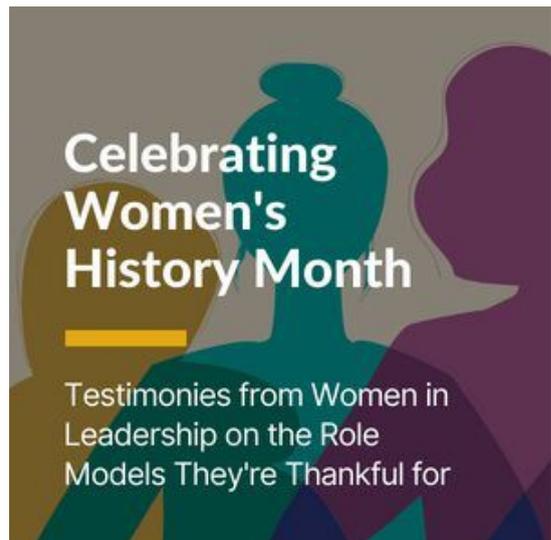
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Friends,

As Tax Day is just around the corner on April 18th this year, I hope you will join us later this morning for the official release of the Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Competitiveness Index 15th edition rankings.

We will be hosting a preview call **today at 11:00am ET**, featuring Dr. Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore. If you would like to participate, [please register here.](#)



If you plan to write something or give a presentation on the new edition and would like to receive an embargoed copy of this year's rankings, please let me know. We will officially release the new rankings on Monday, April 18th. You won't want to miss this sneak preview of how your state ranks!

Register Today!

All the best,

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As ALEC CEO, Lisa Nelson, recently said—we find ways to increase the effectiveness of state-based solutions; to give local leaders the tools they need to protect and nurture their corner of the world. And the reason for that is simple: we believe that the people who are most suited to solve problems are often the people *closest* to those problems.

Have you registered for the [49th ALEC Annual Meeting](#)? Take this opportunity to explore the ideas that are driving America forward as there is no better place to discover crucial policy solutions than the ALEC Annual Meeting.

Important Dates:

- Early-bird rates end **June 1, 2022**
- Standard rates begin **June 2, 2022**
- On-site rates begin on **June 30, 2022**

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Vivek Ramaswamy is a *New York Times* bestselling author and a successful entrepreneur who has founded multiple successful enterprises. A first-generation American, he is the founder and executive chairman of Roivant Sciences, a new type of biopharmaceutical company focused on the application of technology to drug development. He founded Roivant in 2014 and led the largest biotech IPOs of 2015 and 2016, eventually culminating in successful clinical trials in multiple disease areas that led to FDA-approved products.



Join us to interact with leaders like Vivek Ramaswamy and discuss the future of America.

Host Hotel

The 49th ALEC Annual Meeting will take place at The Hilton Atlanta Downtown Hotel. To book a room in the ALEC housing block, please [register for the 49th ALEC Annual Meeting](#). A link to book a hotel room will be included in your registration confirmation email.

Get more out of Annual Meeting

The **Exhibit Hall** at ALEC meetings is a popular networking hub for state legislators and policy experts, making exhibiting an effective medium to get your message out to hundreds of state and local leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to grow your network.

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Save the Date!

Save the date for the ALEC 2022

States & Nation Policy Summit this November 20 – December 2 in Washington, DC! ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2022 States & Nation Policy Summit will open in the Summer of 2022.

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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 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!

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PUBLICATIONS



The 2021 Governors Scorecard

A Ranked Evaluation of the 50 Governors of the United States



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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ALEC EVENTS



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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!

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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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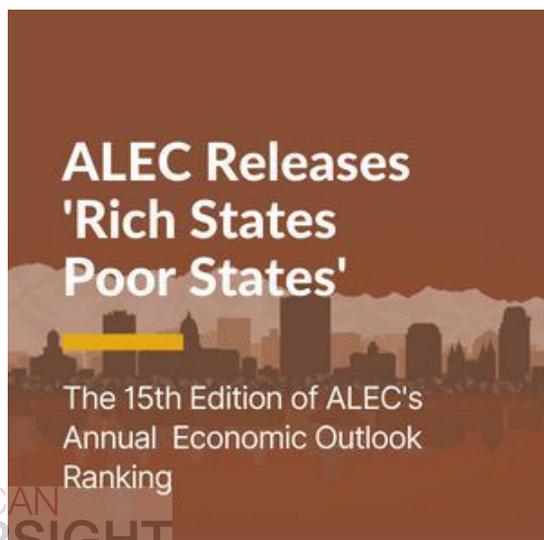
Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

What makes some states positioned for growth? What kinds of policy hold states back? These questions are evaluated and answered in ALEC's newly-released 15th Edition of "Rich States Poor States" and its Economic Performance Ranking. ALEC's policy team went live to discuss the methodology behind that report and we've published a new episode of "Across the States" discussing the runaway inflation gripping the country. For more on all these topics, scroll below!



PUBLICATIONS

ACROSS THE STATES



"The 15th Edition of Rich States Poor States" contains the Economic Performance Ranking which is a backward-looking measure based on a state's performance on three important variables: State Gross Domestic Product, Absolute Domestic Migration and Non-Farm Payroll Employment — all of which are highly influenced by policy. This ranking details states' individual performances over the past 10 years based on this economic data.

Where does your state rank? Click below to find out.

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IN THE STUDIO



The ALEC Policy Team went live recently to discuss the methodology and ideas behind the 15th Edition of "Rich States Poor States." The Report, which evaluates the economic trajectory of all 50 states, looks at key areas of policy. But what are those key areas? And what makes them indicators of future economic performance? Executive Vice President of Policy at Chief Economist at ALEC Jonathan Williams and Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, discuss the topic. Click below to watch the recording.

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New Episode of Across the States

An Interview with Lee Schalk and Joe Trotter on Runaway Inflation

Inflation reached record heights in March as prices soared by 8.5%. With working families paying more for gas and groceries, Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy at ALEC, and Joe Trotter, Director of Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force, joined ALECtv and Across the States to discuss this latest development with Matt Fisher and Catherine Mortensen.

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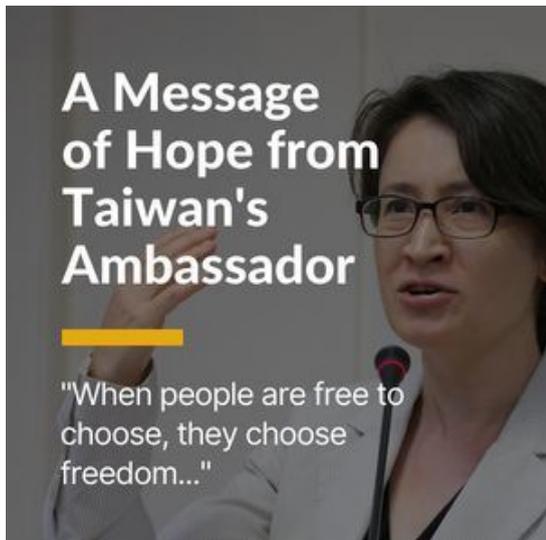
This week, Jonathan Williams went on the air with WBOB Radio and One America News to discuss two sides of the same coin: What makes a good governor and what makes a bad one? Taiwan's Ambassador reaches out with a message of hope, and we are celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting the role models 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



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.

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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.

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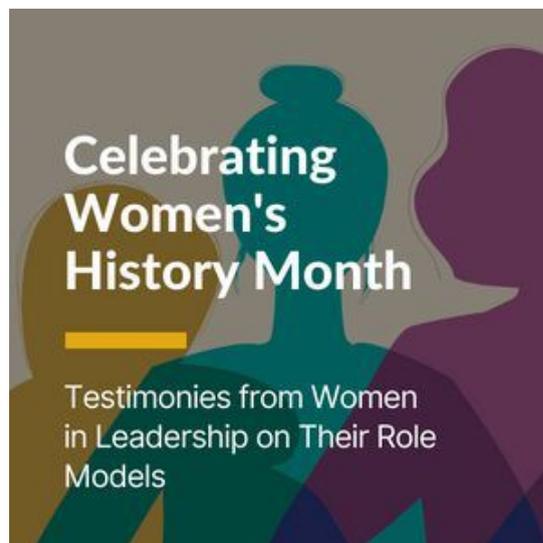


Jonathan Williams went live with One America News earlier this week to discuss what makes a governor underperform as a state's chief executive.

"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



ALEC COMMUNITY



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!

[ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson](#)

having an impact on their economies."

Click below to watch the interview!

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

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Tomorrow Friday April 28th at 2:30p.m. EST. we will count down the country's best performing states on our 2022 Economic Outlook Ranking found in our 15th Edition of Rich States Poor State. Please join us for this virtual event. In our most recent episode of Across the States, we welcome Harmeet Dhillon, First Amendment attorney and CEO of the Center for American Liberty, to discuss Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter and what to expect from government regulators. There is also a new blog post on how poor policies threaten the products of America's mining industries, and always, we invite you to register for our Annual Meeting which is right on the horizon. For more on all these topics, scroll below!



FRIDAY VIRTUAL EVENT

ACROSS THE STATES

Counting Down the Country's Top States

Virtual Event Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us this [Friday at 2:30pm Eastern](#) as we begin our ALEC Policy Hour countdown series of the top states for [Economic Outlook](#) in the 2022 edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#).

This week, we will be joined by Arizona Senate President and ALEC National Chairwoman Karen Fann and Arizona Senate President Pro Tem and ALEC Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Vince Leach to explain how Arizona was able to move up 10 places in this year's rankings to #3.

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POLICY BLOG POST

Prosperity and Security from Below

America's Natural Resources are Vital to the Economy

A regulatory nightmare and a wave of inflation is set to inflict damage to America's

New Episode of Across the States

Elon Musk's Acquisition of Twitter and Possible Government Responses

The recent acquisition of social media giant Twitter by Elon Musk has sparked vigorous debate.

Harmeet Dhillon, CEO of the Center for American Liberty and long-time civil rights and free speech attorney, and Jonathon Hauenschild, Director of the ALEC Task Force on Communications and Technology Task Force join our most recent episode of Across the States. They discuss what Musk's purchase of Twitter means for social media and what to expect next.

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mining industry. But both of those factors are likely to become worse, impacted by the Administration's recent policy decisions.

To read more about what kinds of decisions are likely to drive up the price of drilling, oil and gas in the near future, click below.

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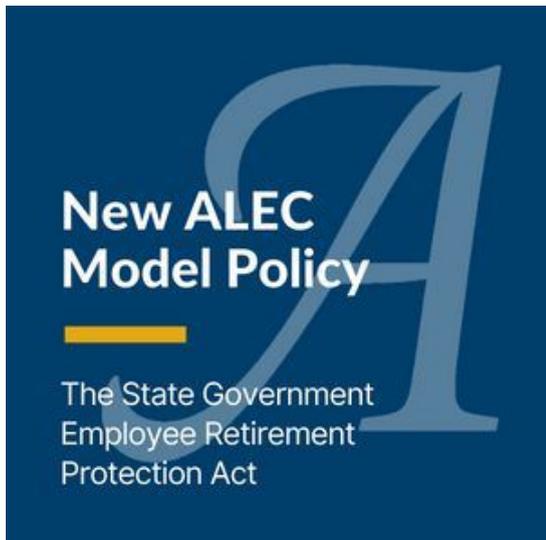
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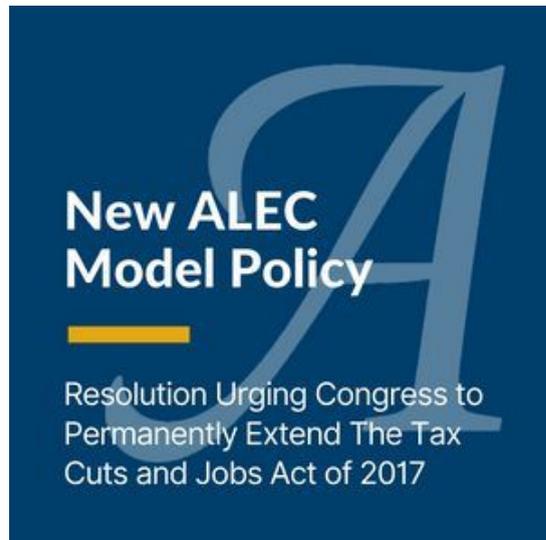
This week, ALEC approved two model policies: "The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act" and "The Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017." The Wall Street Journal published an article unpacking the former, and Jonathan Williams placed an article with the National Review regarding the latter.





"The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act" aims to strengthen fiduciary rules to protect pensioners from politically driven investment strategies. These strategies reduce investment returns over the long term which leads to underfunding in state pension plans across the country.

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The "Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" encourages Congress to permanently extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which was signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2017. Allowing this essential tax relief to expire would undoubtedly harm hardworking American taxpayers, slow the growth of the U.S. economy, and further harm America's ability to compete.

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IN THE NEWS



The Wall Street Journal covered one of ALEC's model policies in their recent article, "Conservative Group Wants to Stop State Pensions From Pursuing ESG Initiatives."



TAX POLICY



National Review recently published an op-ed written by ALEC's Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, co-authored with ALEC

"The American Legislative Exchange Council, an association of state legislators, on Wednesday put forward model legislation that provides states a template for laws to keep pension funds from following so-called environmental, social and governance trends," the article reads.

Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk. Their article covers the historic \$2 billion tax cuts in Iowa and what it means for the state. You can read the op-ed by clicking below!

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CEO Update: ALEC's 2022 Policy Priorities

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Dear Friends,

ALEC has a unique opportunity in 2022 to remind Americans in all fifty states of something that they already know—something that has recently become crystal clear: federal centralization is not the answer to all our problems.

We've always been proponents of local authority and its ability to further the common good. Many leaders in America have turned their backs on state-based solutions and instead put their trust in the federal government and top-down answers.

But right now, as the country continues healing from the effects of COVID-19, Americans are increasingly rejecting those sentiments. Parents are voting for candidates who protect their rights [in determining their children's education](#). Americans are [voting with their feet](#) by moving to states with policies that prioritize educational and economic freedom.

These elements present us with an opportunity. We at ALEC hope to demonstrate that there is a better path forward. 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 as well as at the federal level in Washington. [Our 2022 Essential Policy Ideas](#) highlight some ways in which together we can do just that.

There's work to be done! Criminal justice reform, border security, protecting our constitutional right of free speech, freedom of association, individual liberty, protecting our environment while promoting American energy independence, strengthening the US-Taiwan economic partnership and academic transparency are all just a few of the areas ALEC hopes to address in 2022. All ten of our task forces and ACCE each have their respective priorities and objectivities in the coming year. [You can read about them in detail here.](#)

Through January and now into February, we've already started working towards many of these goals. Earlier this month, [we testified in Pennsylvania](#) on the difference between public campaign finance and donor privacy and went on the road to Pennsylvania, Iowa, Florida and Louisiana (just to name a few). If you are ever interested in having our team visit your state, please let us know – we are just a phone call away.



Additionally, we're staying close to the ground by covering topics of national interest like bringing you the latest on [the fight for parental authority](#) in Virginia. And through our outlets like [our podcast](#), we've covered what state legislatures can do to make a difference in [how healthcare works in their states](#).

Be sure to keep an eye on our blog and other ALEC outlets as we continue to press forward on our policy priorities for this year.

We want to make sure that, as a partner of ALEC, you're aware of what we plan to do in 2022. If you have any questions about our listed priorities, don't hesitate to reach out. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. In addition, we want to hear your priorities! Part of what makes ALEC such a powerful round-table source of solutions is the partnership we have with so many difference-makers across the country. Through our unique combination of creating a space for state legislatures, private sector leaders, and Federal representatives, ALEC hopes to continue creating the kind of cooperation it has made possible for the past 50 years.

Your Friend,

Lisa B. Nelson

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Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

ALEC's policy team has put out a blog post explaining the teachers' strike in Minneapolis. Our CIED Task Force is preparing for an upcoming webinar on worker rights and labor reform for ALEC members. Registration for our Annual Meeting is now open, and we've brought you a video clip on women's history month featuring Congresswoman Yvette Herrell. For more on all these topics, read below!



POLICY BLOG POST



ALEC WEBINAR



The Minneapolis Teachers Union officially went on strike this Tuesday, plunging the district into an indefinite shutdown and suddenly sending parents scrambling for alternatives. What are the issues at play? What are the teachers' demands? Our Policy Team explains the situation below.

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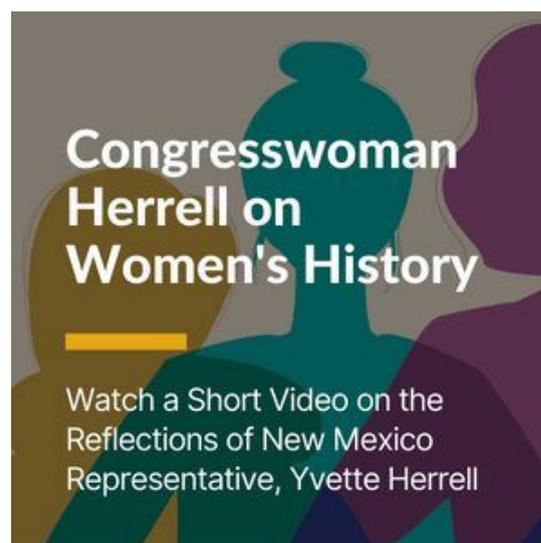
Join ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force this Friday, March 8th at 2:00pmET for an ALEC Policy Hour focusing on workers' rights and labor reform. Listen in as issue experts from [Associated Builders and Contractors](#), the [American Hotel & Lodging Association](#), and [Senator Tim Scott's](#) office discuss the challenges facing workers and employers and the possible reforms that address these issues. For questions about this upcoming event, you can email CIED's Taskforce Director [by clicking here](#)

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WOMEN'S HISTORY



“In Women’s History Month, I would like to thank my mom... my sisters, my other relatives. But I also want to thank the women who shaped me into the person I am today—the people like Lisa Nelson, like Clela Mitchell, the women that won their races last year to bring the most women into the U.S. House of Representatives as Republicans.”

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This week, the American Legislative Exchange Council was featured in the Washington Times for its model policy on state pension funds. The Policy Team put out a blog post on no-knock raids, and there are two new video segments to watch on current events and national trends. Alongside the content, ALEC invites you to register for our upcoming 49th Annual Meeting. You can save your spot by registering below!



IN THE NEWS



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



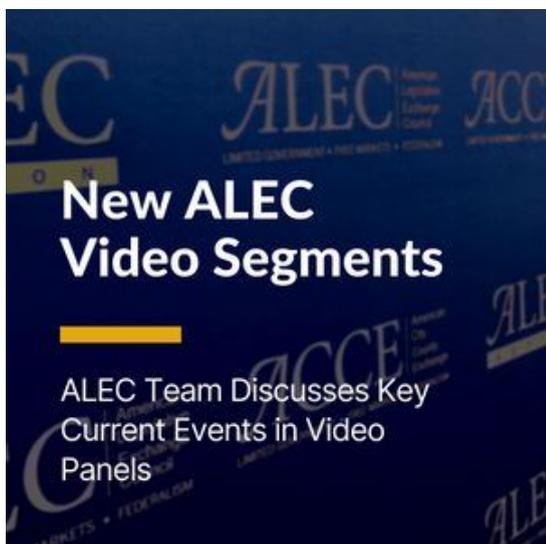
The Washington Times recently featured ALEC in an article titled "Conservative Shareholders Target 'Woke' Corporate Boards." The article explains ALEC's Model Policy that state pension funds should not be used for political purposes.

"The American Legislative Exchange Council... recently introduced model legislation that would stop state pension fund managers from introducing "woke criteria" into the investment selection process," the article reads.

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PRESS ROOM



ALEC recently put out two video segments on a pair of significant current events.



In a recently published Policy Blog Post, the ALEC Policy Team evaluates the risks behind no-knock raids, a controversial practice in law enforcement. But what's at the heart of the issue? And what do lawmakers need to understand about no-knock raids? To get a better understanding of some of the underlying uncertainties behind the issue, read the post by clicking below.

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ANNUAL MEETING



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Firstly, the ALEC Public Affairs Team interviewed the three newly-elected members of the Manitowoc County, Wisconsin school board. [Click here to watch "Parent's Rights Candidates Flipping Local School Boards."](#)

Secondly, ALEC's Policy Team evaluates the roots of the inflation gripping the country. [Click here to watch "Sticker Shock: How States can Fight Back against Inflation."](#)

policy.

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Our policy team put out two blog posts this past week. One of them looks at the massive omnibus spending package attempting to fly through Congress. The other evaluates President Biden's energy policy and separates out fact from fiction. Registration for our Annual Meeting just opened, and there's a new episode of Across the States—and interview on Small Business Reform with our state legislator of the month, Rep. John Wills.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ENERGY

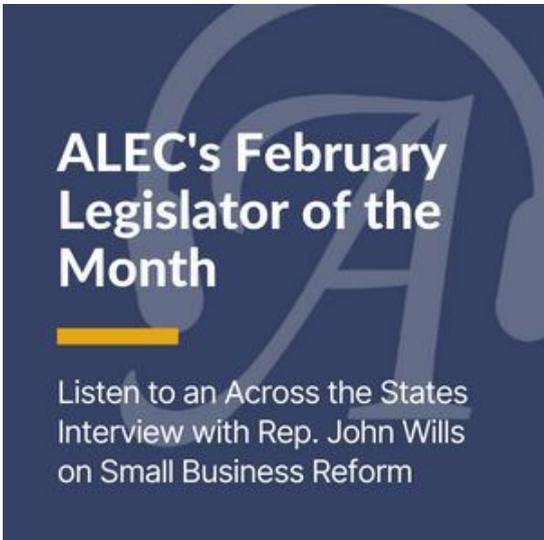


There's a new spending package making its way through Congress. It's a bill with a clear political message: support this massive omnibus spending effort or suffer the political consequences of a partial government shutdown.

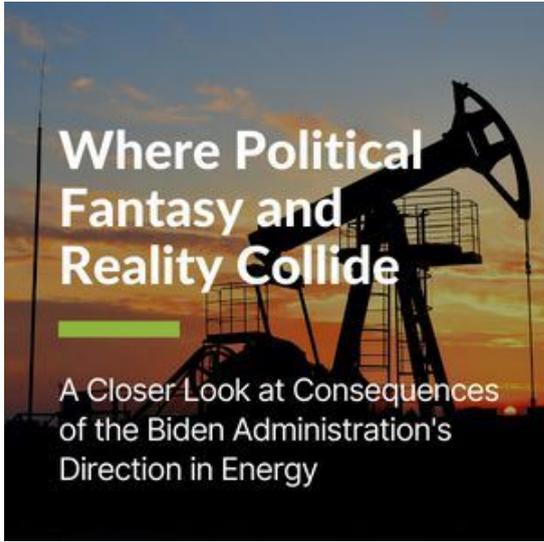
As Congress deliberates over the 2,700-page bill, Americans are already feeling the weight of inflation at the gas pump, the grocery store, and everywhere in between. This bill is the last thing Americans need. Click below to read more.

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ACROSS THE STATES



Small businesses are responsible for more than 60% of all new jobs created in the



The national average for a gallon of gas has reached a record high in the last week. Regardless of the Biden administration's reasoning for why that's the case, there are a few discernible policy decisions that have let us here.

In a recent blog post, ALEC's policy team helps separate out the fact from fiction on why gas prices have almost doubled in less than two years—and the key decisions that debilitated America's energy independence.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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United States.

In Iowa, Representative John Wills is leading the charge to invest in the entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, and cottage industries who make up the backbone of our economy.

On today's episode of Across the States, ALEC's February State Legislator of the Month and Board of Directors member Representative John Wills joins Gretchen Baldau, Director of the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force, and Matt Fisher to discuss his efforts to support small businesses and deliver results for constituents.

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President Biden recently addressed the nation at his first State of the Union, and the ALEC policy team offered their reactions and insights to the President's address. You can read their responses below. ALEC went on the road again this past week, meeting with state leaders in Richmond, Virginia and will be visiting the state of Kansas in the near future. Keep an eye out for our Annual Meeting registration which opens next week. To read more about all these topics, scroll below!



STATE OF THE UNION



ON THE ROAD



As we watched President Joe Biden's State of the Union address this week, one thing was abundantly clear: in many instances, the President leaned on a top-down, big government approach to many of the issues facing America today. But will those ideas work to the betterment of Americans?

Read the responses of our task force directors to the policy ideas presented in the State of the Union.

[Read](#)

ALEC's Policy Team hosted a reception with NFIB-Virginia, and the Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors on Thursday to discuss issues impacting Virginia businesses.

ALEC always hopes to work alongside individuals who are vested in the wellbeing of their state. Be sure to keep an eye out for similar ALEC events in a state near you!



UPCOMING EVENTS



ON THE ROAD



ALEC's will travel to Kansas alongside Ned Ryun, the CEO and founder of American Majority, who will address audiences as a



Registration for ALEC's 49th Annual Meeting opens on Wednesday, March 9th. The Annual Meeting will take place in Atlanta, Georgia on July 27-29 and is one of the nation's largest collaborative examinations of

guest speaker. To learn more about this event, please reach out to our membership team by hitting the button below.

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Across The States

The Premier State Policy Podcast Produced by the
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Dear: Anika,

This week *Across the States* released two podcasts delving into law enforcement reform and small businesses.

State Legislator of the Month

In [episode 116](#), learn about the efforts of our State Legislator of the Month for February, Rep. John Wills of Iowa to invest in small businesses. Rep. Wills and I sat down with ALEC's Director of Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development, Gretchen Baldau, for a discussion on the action he is pursuing in the Iowa Legislature to support entrepreneurs and job creation.

[Click here to listen!](#)

An Interview with Former NYPD Officer Rob O'Donnell

And in [episode 115](#), tune in for a sit-down interview between Nino Marchese, Director of the ALEC Task Forces for Civil and Criminal Justice, and Rob O'Donnell, Senior National Law Enforcement Contributor for Law Enforcement Today and retired NYPD Detective, covering how lawmakers can best support the police and reform law enforcement.

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CEO Update: ALEC's 2022 Policy Priorities

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Dear friends,

When a reporter [recently asked President Biden](#) if he had a message to the American people on climbing gas prices, the President offered this answer:

“They’re going to go up,” Biden said. “Can’t do much right now. Russia is responsible.”



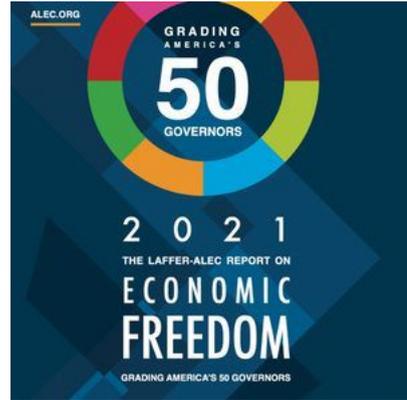
We respectfully disagree with the President. We believe there *are* solutions—not just for gas shortages but for all the challenges facing Americans today—that we *can* do something about them, and that there *is* leadership in America that will see it through.

But the reality is that it won’t come from Washington, D.C. or big government.

At ALEC, we find ways to increase the effectiveness of state-based solutions; to give local leaders the tools they need to protect and nurture their corner of the world. And the reason for that is simple: we believe that the people who are most suited to solve problems are often the people *closest* to those problems.

As demonstrated by our newly-released [2021](#)

[Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom](#), every time big government is compared to state-based solutions, it can't keep pace. We've taken the policies of every governor in America and evaluated them in a few key areas. What we've found is that growth happens most readily when it is entrusted to the individual. Instead of passing blame, the best leaders in America find ways to facilitate difficult times and empower people to persevere.



[We want to extend congratulations](#) to Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota for doing exactly that as she ranks first in this year's evaluation. In the middle of a pandemic, Governor Noem found ways to cut down on unemployment, empower businesses to make decisions that were right for them and ultimately increased state revenue. To read more about where other governors stand on our rankings, you can visit our website, [RankMyGovernor, by clicking here](#).



Governor Noem isn't the only female legislator we want to highlight. It's women's history month and ALEC is incredibly thankful to be working with hundreds of female legislators—leaders who take charge on all sorts of issues. We want to thank representatives like Governor Kim Reynolds and Governor Kay Ivey and others for fighting to maintain the integrity of women's sports. [We stand with Representative Victoria Spartz](#) and her plea on behalf of her home country of Ukraine. And we want to say thank you to the mothers all across the country who have decided [to become increasingly invested in their children's education](#). The involvement of these women makes for a stronger United States.

Finally, I personally want to recognize quiet, sacrificial leadership. [Bob Williams](#) wasn't a governor or a federal representative, but as a former state legislator in the state of Washington and then as an ALEC policy advisor, Bob never tired of working to bring about responsible state budget solutions. Following his time in office, Bob devoted his career to promoting balanced state fiscal policy, forever changing the American policy landscape. This past month, Bob passed away, leaving a hole in the ALEC family. He will always be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his core principles and the relentlessness he brought to work every day.



With all these examples, there are too many instances of excellent leadership in the states for us at ALEC to accept the President's suggestion that we just have to wait until things get better. We plan to continue working with you to [promote American energy independence](#), make breakthroughs in [healthcare policy](#), [fight back against crime](#), and

much more. And we hope you'll continue engaging with us to bring about state-based victories.

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This week, ALEC was featured in three different news outlets. Appearances on NTD News, Talkback Radio and RealClear Politics allowed ALEC's policy team to explain topics like why politically charged investment schemes hurt retirees, how California is attempting to control a nationwide market and the "opportunity project" making its way through the states. Scroll below to read more on all of these topics!



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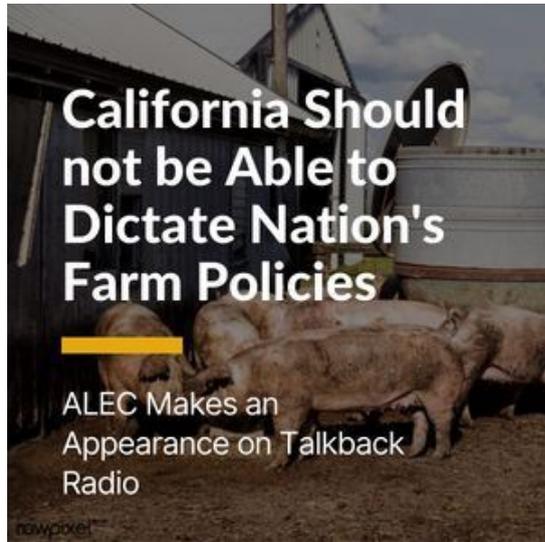
ALEC's Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, recently made an appearance on NTD News to discuss politically motivated investment schemes that are likely to hurt retirees. The problem comes as some states propose using pension funds to advance politically progressive agendas. That, Jonathan Williams says, would only hurt the financial aid portioned out for retirees and improperly use pension funds.

To watch the interview, click below!

[Read](#)



IN THE NEWS



California recently implemented a measure that would force pork producers across the country to adhere to certain requirements set out by the Golden State on how to raise, house, and look after their hogs.

On a recent appearance on Talkback Radio, ALEC policy expert Joe Trotter lays out why this requirement will only work to the detriment of the pork industry. Listen below!

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ANNUAL MEETING



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ALEC's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

Americans to file their 2021 tax returns. This year's Tax Day coincides with President Biden's recent proposal to raise taxes on small businesses, corporations, and individuals by \$2.5 trillion. His plan would partly reverse the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed at the end of 2017 that led to historic shared economic prosperity in 2018 and 2019.

That's something that's prompting more states to join the "great opportunity project."

Jonathan Williams recently published commentary with RealClear Politics, expanding on how state leadership can keep promoting growth in their state by joining the increasing number of states slashing taxes in key areas. Read that commentary below!

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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



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!

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TASK FORCE WEBINAR

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 2:00 p.m. EST for an ALEC Policy Hour focusing on workers' rights and labor reform. Listen in as issue experts from

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

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

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 [Cretchen Baldauby](#) [clicking here](#)

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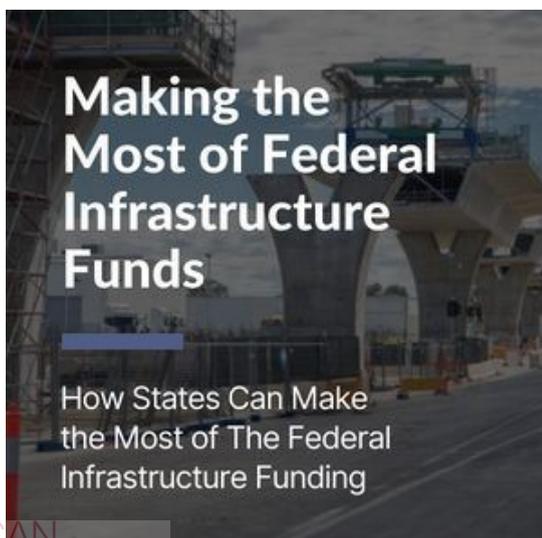
Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

How can states make the best use of the funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act? Why are there substantially fewer unionized public employees than *private sector* employees? The ALEC Policy Team has published two new blog posts addressing these questions. There's a new episode of Across the States, and be sure to register to our Annual Meeting below!



INFRASTRUCTURE

ACROSS THE STATES



How can states make the most of the federal funding received from last year's infrastructure package?

Legislatures have a say in identifying their state's infrastructure needs and in deciding how a portion of their funding is spent—but there are quite a few things to consider. What are ways in which state legislatures can approach these decisions with taxpayers in mind? ALEC is here to offer some resources on how to do just that.

Read



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Last year, just over 6% of private sector employees were part of a union. For public sector workers union membership was significantly higher—at 33.9%

But why is that the case?

Click below to read more about the history and background of public sector unions to better understand where they find themselves today. Additionally, this blog post explores what states can do to protect public sector workers at their places of work.

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The American Legislative Exchange Council recently released the second edition of the 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, Grading America's Governors.

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, and Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, joined Matthew Fisher to break down the best and worst governors of America, what the report measures, and highlight the work governors and statehouses are doing in 2022.

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MEETING



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Where does your state rank?

Today the American Legislative Exchange Council released its 15th annual Rich States, Poor States report ranking states by how well they are governed. Authors Dr. Arthur Laffer, Stephen Moore, and Jonathan Williams consider 15 different measures, including personal, corporate, and property tax rates, and right-to-work laws. ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams told the Daily Caller News Foundation, "The report teaches us that states with lower taxes, especially those that avoid personal income taxes, have seen significantly better rates of in-migration than states with [high-income] tax rates."

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CEO Update: Rich States Poor States and more

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Dear friends,

Understanding what went *wrong* is only half the picture.

During the past two years, states across the U.S. have had varied responses to the pandemic. Not surprisingly, these responses have had a large impact on how those individual states have recovered from the pandemic. Layered on top of this challenge is an Administration that has given the country the highest rate of inflation in 40 years by injecting the economy with vast amounts of federal spending, while limiting product output (consumer goods) due to its disregard of supply chain disruptions and shutting down domestic energy production. No state has been immune to this federal mismanagement.



But in the face of these challenges, states like Utah and South Dakota have found ways to grow their economies and workforces while also drawing in new talent from other parts of the country. The contrast between the two begs the question: what are these states doing differently?

In order to answer that question, we at ALEC believe that finding out what went wrong isn't enough. We have to have an understanding of what went *right*.

ALEC's 15th Edition of [*Rich States Poor States*](#), co-authored by ALEC's Executive Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, Dr. Arthur Laffer and Economist Stephen Moore, evaluates 15 areas of policy that have proven over time to be influential for state competitiveness and growth. In the decade and a half of compiling this report, ALEC has found a common trend that extends through all of them: cutting taxes, paying down debt, and maintaining free market policies helps states prosper and attract new residents.

From tax burdens on income and property to the size of state government and the right to work, *Rich States, Poor States* teaches us that state policies matter. With the right policies

in place, the individual is empowered to thrive and take advantage of opportunities for growth and prosperity—even in the face of a worldwide virus, a war in Eastern Europe and the other challenges facing us today.

We want to extend special congratulations to the state of Utah for taking the number one spot in this year's Economic Outlook Ranking. This year, Utah, North Carolina, Arizona, Oklahoma and Idaho all made the top five category of our evaluation. Not surprisingly, New York, New Jersey, California and Vermont found themselves at the bottom of the ranking.

We want to help you find answers that move your state forward. This past month, we approved two new model policies that will help do exactly that. [One helps state governments protect retirees and taxpayers by safeguarding pensions from politics](#). The other calls on Congress to [extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017](#) and help lock in effective measures put in place that helped spur the economy. These won't be the only model policies ALEC looks at in 2022. We will be reviewing and adopting dozens of additional model policies at our Annual Meeting in Atlanta. [You can register to that event by clicking here](#).

I want to thank you for being a part of ALEC and continuing to work alongside us. Your dedication to the principles of limited government free markets and federalism is a continued reminder of our amazing network. I'm grateful for your participation and support.

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We have an exciting line-up of speakers that will make this a can't miss event. Dr. Alveda King who serves as the Chair of the Center for the American Dream at the America First Policy Institute will be joining us.

She is the daughter of the late slain civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and the niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She has served the Georgia State House of Representatives, is a former presidential appointee, and a 2021 recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. Her work and dedication to education reform and underserved communities proudly continues her family legacy.

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Events and Education

Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

ALEC recently attended CPAC, connecting with conservative thought-leaders and listening to the concerns of state representatives from all across the country. Our CIED Task Force hosted a webinar for legislative staff on fostering economic growth, and Jonathan Williams gave his perspective on Nebraska's increased state revenue. ALEC will be on the road again shortly, visiting the state of Kansas alongside guest speaker Ned Ryun. For more on all these topics, read below!



ALEC AT CPAC



WEBINAR RECORDING



Members of the ALEC team traveled to CPAC in Florida to meet with attendees, interact with state legislators and keep up to date on the direction of the conservative movement.

While at CPAC, Nino Marchese, the task force director for ALEC's Criminal Justice Task Force, sat down with former New York City police officer Rob O'Donnell to talk about criminal justice reform and law enforcement best practices. Click below to listen!



Thank you to the attendees from all walks of life who met with our team members while at CPAC!

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STATE POLICY



ALEC recently hosted a webinar for legislative and committee staff on how to best encourage entrepreneurial growth in their states. The event, hosted by the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force, can be viewed below!

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ON THE ROAD



ALEC will travel to Kansas alongside Ned Ryun, the CEO and founder of American Majority, who will address audiences as a guest speaker. To learn more about this event, please reach out to our membership team by hitting the button below.

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ALEC's Policy Team has published two new blog posts—one on the chilling effect of donor disclosure and the other on the unintended consequences stemming from the 340B Program on prescription drugs. This week ALEC will also be traveling to Virginia to meet with state leadership, and released a statement on the conflict in Ukraine. Read more about these topics below!



ON THE ROAD



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



ALEC's Policy Team will be hosting a reception with NFIB-Virginia, and the Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors to discuss issues impacting Virginia businesses.

Be sure to keep an eye out for similar ALEC events in a state near you.



FREE SPEECH



Donor disclosure places a chilling effect on contributions that might go towards creating legitimate public discourse. Read our post below where we take a closer look at how this situation played out with the Freedom Convoy incident in the past month.

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Read below to learn about ALEC's position on the conflict in Eastern Europe. Here's why we stand opposed to Putin's aggression and his attack on national autonomy.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, participating drug manufacturers agree to provide a discount to eligible hospitals and other "covered entities" who serve low-income individuals not covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Learn more about the unintended consequences section 340B has caused by reading below.

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ALEC has released its most recent publication, the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, ranking the governors of the United States. ALEC is back on the road this week as we visit Georgia to discuss fiscal policy. And our Policy Team had released a blog post on rising gas prices. Read more about these topics below!



GOVERNORS REPORT



POLICY BRIEFING



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. The ALEC Policy Team and the Laffer Group together evaluate the policies of 50 governors in the U.S., ranking them 1-50. To read the report, click below!

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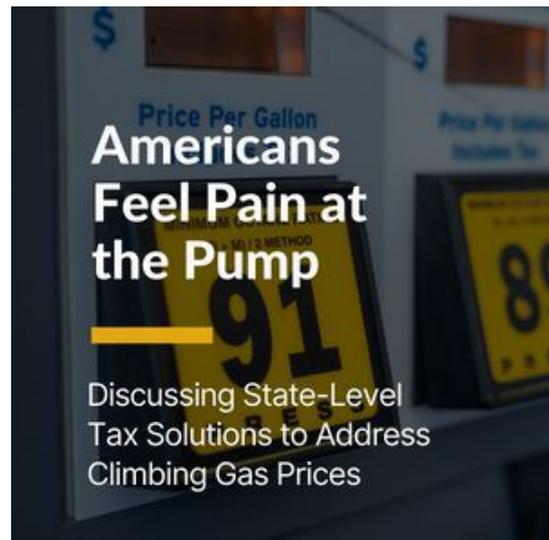
The ALEC Policy Team travels to Atlanta, Georgia this week. Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy at ALEC, will be joining the Hunter Hotel Investment Conference. Later on, other ALEC team members will host an economic policy Issue Briefing with state leaders including the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and the Georgia Director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

To contact ALEC about having a workshop in your state, please reach out to Jonathan Williams. You can email him by using the link below.

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ENERGY



In their new article, Lee Schalk and ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director Joe Trotter discuss the various state proposals to suspend the gas tax amid record high prices at the pump.

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There are two upcoming ALEC virtual events this week. First, ALEC's Policy Team is counting down the states on our Economic Outlook Ranking featured in our Rich States Poor States report. Second, there's an ALEC Working Group on cannabis reform. You can sign up for both of those below. ALEC has also released a Health and Human Services blog post on the "right to try," and we invite you to register for our Annual Meeting in Atlanta.



RICH STATES POOR STATES



WORKING GROUP

Counting Down the Country's Top States

Virtual Event Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us this [Friday at 2:30pm Eastern](#) as we begin our ALEC Policy Hour countdown series of the top states for [Economic Outlook](#) in the 2022 edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#).

This week, we will be joined by Arizona Senate President and ALEC National Chairwoman Karen Fann and Arizona Senate President Pro Tem and ALEC Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Vince Leach to explain how Arizona was able to move up 10 places in this year's rankings to #3.

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HEALTHCARE

Leading the Nation with the Right to Try

"The right to try to save one's own life is one of the most precious rights of all."

In this recent policy blog post, the Health and Human Services Task force goes over "right to try" policy." More specifically, the post covers Arizona's efforts to allow patients

Upcoming ALEC Cannabis Working Group

A Virtual Working Group Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 1:00 p.m. EST

The ALEC Cannabis Reform Working Group will be meeting to share and discuss lessons learned as states grapple with shifting cannabis policy this Friday at 1:00 p.m. EST. In order to attend, make sure to register by clicking below!

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access to cutting-edge medical technology that very well might save lives. To read more about some of the issues at play in this topic, click below to read the article!

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legislators, private businesses, and federal representatives to work together to bring about market-based, limited government solutions to the problems facing our country.

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CEO Update: ALEC's 2022 Policy Priorities

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Dear friends,

When a reporter [recently asked President Biden](#) if he had a message to the American people on climbing gas prices, the President offered this answer:

“They’re going to go up,” Biden said. “Can’t do much right now. Russia is responsible.”



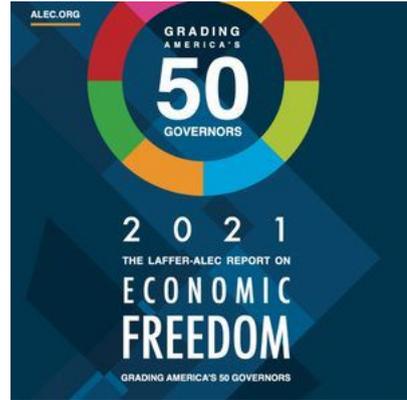
We respectfully disagree with the President. We believe there *are* solutions—not just for gas shortages but for all the challenges facing Americans today—that we *can* do something about them, and that there *is* leadership in America that will see it through.

But the reality is that it won’t come from Washington, D.C. or big government.

At ALEC, we find ways to increase the effectiveness of state-based solutions; to give local leaders the tools they need to protect and nurture their corner of the world. And the reason for that is simple: we believe that the people who are most suited to solve problems are often the people *closest* to those problems.

As demonstrated by our newly-released [2021](#)

[Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom](#), every time big government is compared to state-based solutions, it can't keep pace. We've taken the policies of every governor in America and evaluated them in a few key areas. What we've found is that growth happens most readily when it is entrusted to the individual. Instead of passing blame, the best leaders in America find ways to facilitate difficult times and empower people to persevere.



[We want to extend congratulations](#) to Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota for doing exactly that as she ranks first in this year's evaluation. In the middle of a pandemic, Governor Noem found ways to cut down on unemployment, empower businesses to make decisions that were right for them and ultimately increased state revenue. To read more about where other governors stand on our rankings, you can visit our website, [RankMyGovernor, by clicking here](#).



Governor Noem isn't the only female legislator we want to highlight. It's women's history month and ALEC is incredibly thankful to be working with hundreds of female legislators—leaders who take charge on all sorts of issues. We want to thank representatives like Governor Kim Reynolds and Governor Kay Ivey and others for fighting to maintain the integrity of women's sports. [We stand with Representative Victoria Spartz](#) and her plea on behalf of her home country of Ukraine. And we want to say thank you to the mothers all across the country who have decided [to become increasingly invested in their children's education](#). The involvement of these women makes for a stronger United States.

Finally, I personally want to recognize quiet, sacrificial leadership. [Bob Williams](#) wasn't a governor or a federal representative, but as a former state legislator in the state of Washington and then as an ALEC policy advisor, Bob never tired of working to bring about responsible state budget solutions. Following his time in office, Bob devoted his career to promoting balanced state fiscal policy, forever changing the American policy landscape. This past month, Bob passed away, leaving a hole in the ALEC family. He will always be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his core principles and the relentlessness he brought to work every day.



With all these examples, there are too many instances of excellent leadership in the states for us at ALEC to accept the President's suggestion that we just have to wait until things get better. We plan to continue working with you to [promote American energy independence](#), make breakthroughs in [healthcare policy](#), [fight back against crime](#), and

much more. And we hope you'll continue engaging with us to bring about state-based victories.

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Vivek Ramaswamy is a *New York Times* bestselling author and a successful entrepreneur who has founded multiple successful enterprises. A first-generation American, he is the founder and executive chairman of Roivant Sciences, a new type of biopharmaceutical company focused on the application of technology to drug development. He founded Roivant in 2014 and led the largest biotech IPOs of 2015 and 2016, eventually culminating in successful clinical trials in multiple disease areas that led to FDA-approved products.



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Where does your state rank?

Today the American Legislative Exchange Council released its 15th annual Rich States, Poor States report ranking states by how well they are governed. Authors Dr. Arthur Laffer, Stephen Moore, and Jonathan Williams consider 15 different measures, including personal, corporate, and property tax rates, and right-to-work laws. ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams told the Daily Caller News Foundation, "The report teaches us that states with lower taxes, especially those that avoid personal income taxes, have seen significantly better rates of in-migration than states with [high-income] tax rates."

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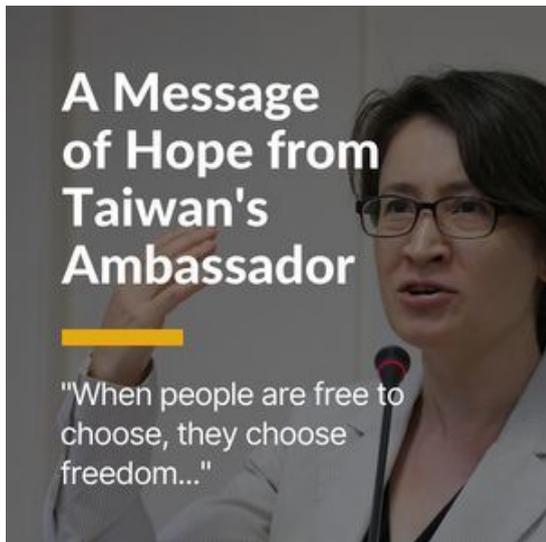
This week, Jonathan Williams went on the air with WBOB Radio and One America News to discuss two sides of the same coin: What makes a good governor and what makes a bad one? Taiwan's Ambassador reaches out with a message of hope, and we are celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting the role models 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



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.

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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.

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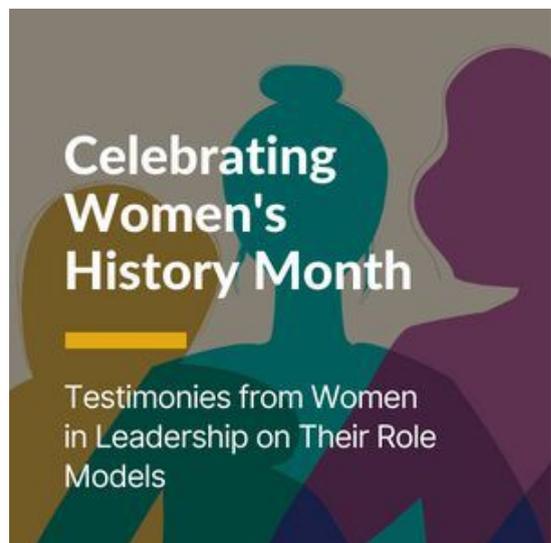


Jonathan Williams went live with One America News earlier this week to discuss what makes a governor underperform as a state's chief executive.

"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



ALEC COMMUNITY



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!

[ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson](#)

having an impact on their economies."

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

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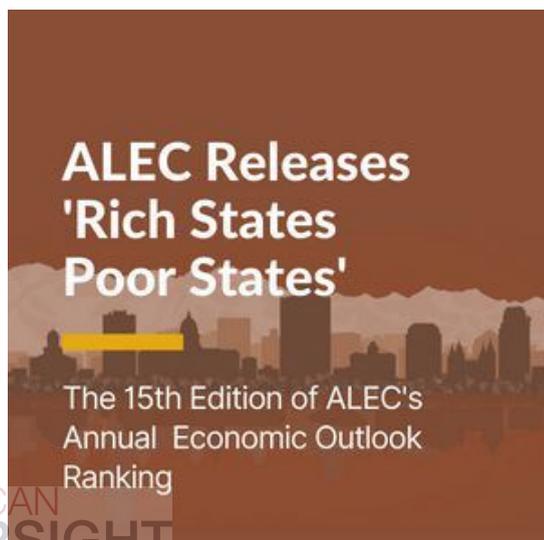
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What makes some states positioned for growth? What kinds of policy hold states back? These questions are evaluated and answered in ALEC's newly-released 15th Edition of "Rich States Poor States" and its Economic Performance Ranking. ALEC's policy team went live to discuss the methodology behind that report and we've published a new episode of "Across the States" discussing the runaway inflation gripping the country. For more on all these topics, scroll below!



PUBLICATIONS

ACROSS THE STATES



"The 15th Edition of Rich States Poor States" contains the Economic Performance Ranking which is a backward-looking measure based on a state's performance on three important variables: State Gross Domestic Product, Absolute Domestic Migration and Non-Farm Payroll Employment — all of which are highly influenced by policy. This ranking details states' individual performances over the past 10 years based on this economic data.

Where does your state rank? Click below to find out.

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IN THE STUDIO



The ALEC Policy Team went live recently to discuss the methodology and ideas behind the 15th Edition of "Rich States Poor States." The Report, which evaluates the economic trajectory of all 50 states, looks at key areas of policy. But what are those key areas? And what makes them indicators of future economic performance? Executive Vice President of Policy at Chief Economist at ALEC Jonathan Williams and Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, discuss the topic. Click below to watch the recording.

Watch

New Episode of Across the States

An Interview with Lee Schalk and Joe Trotter on Runaway Inflation

Inflation reached record heights in March as prices soared by 8.5%. With working families paying more for gas and groceries, Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy at ALEC, and Joe Trotter, Director of Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force, joined ALECtv and Across the States to discuss this latest development with Matt Fisher and Catherine Mortensen.

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The **Exhibit Hall** at ALEC meetings is a popular networking hub for state legislators and policy experts, making exhibiting an effective medium to get your message out to hundreds of state and local leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to grow your network.

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Register Now!

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Save the Date!

Save the date for the ALEC 2022 States & Nation Policy Summit this November 20 – December 2 in Washington, DC! ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2022 States & Nation Policy Summit will open in the Summer of 2022.

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Events and Education

Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

How can states make the best use of the funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act? Why are there substantially fewer unionized public employees than *private sector* employees? The ALEC Policy Team has published two new blog posts addressing these questions. There's a new episode of Across the States, and be sure to register to our Annual Meeting below!



INFRASTRUCTURE

ACROSS THE STATES



How can states make the most of the federal funding received from last year's infrastructure package?

Legislatures have a say in identifying their state's infrastructure needs and in deciding how a portion of their funding is spent—but there are quite a few things to consider. What are ways in which state legislatures can approach these decisions with taxpayers in mind? ALEC is here to offer some resources on how to do just that.

Read



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Last year, just over 6% of private sector employees were part of a union. For public sector workers union membership was significantly higher—at 33.9%

But why is that the case?

Click below to read more about the history and background of public sector unions to better understand where they find themselves today. Additionally, this blog post explores what states can do to protect public sector workers at their places of work.

Read

The American Legislative Exchange Council recently released the second edition of the 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, Grading America's Governors.

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, and Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, joined Matthew Fisher to break down the best and worst governors of America, what the report measures, and highlight the work governors and statehouses are doing in 2022.

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MEETING



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This week, the American Legislative Exchange Council was featured in the Washington Times for its model policy on state pension funds. The Policy Team put out a blog post on no-knock raids, and there are two new video segments to watch on current events and national trends. Alongside the content, ALEC invites you to register for our upcoming 49th Annual Meeting. You can save your spot by registering below!



IN THE NEWS



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



The Washington Times recently featured ALEC in an article titled "Conservative Shareholders Target 'Woke' Corporate Boards." The article explains ALEC's Model Policy that state pension funds should not be used for political purposes.

"The American Legislative Exchange Council... recently introduced model legislation that would stop state pension fund managers from introducing "woke criteria" into the investment selection process," the article reads.

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PRESS ROOM



ALEC recently put out two video segments on a pair of significant current events.



In a recently published Policy Blog Post, the ALEC Policy Team evaluates the risks behind no-knock raids, a controversial practice in law enforcement. But what's at the heart of the issue? And what do lawmakers need to understand about no-knock raids? To get a better understanding of some of the underlying uncertainties behind the issue, read the post by clicking below.

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ANNUAL MEETING



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Firstly, the ALEC Public Affairs Team interviewed the three newly-elected members of the Manitowoc County, Wisconsin school board. [Click here to watch "Parent's Rights Candidates Flipping Local School Boards."](#)

Secondly, ALEC's Policy Team evaluates the roots of the inflation gripping the country. [Click here to watch "Sticker Shock: How States can Fight Back against Inflation."](#)

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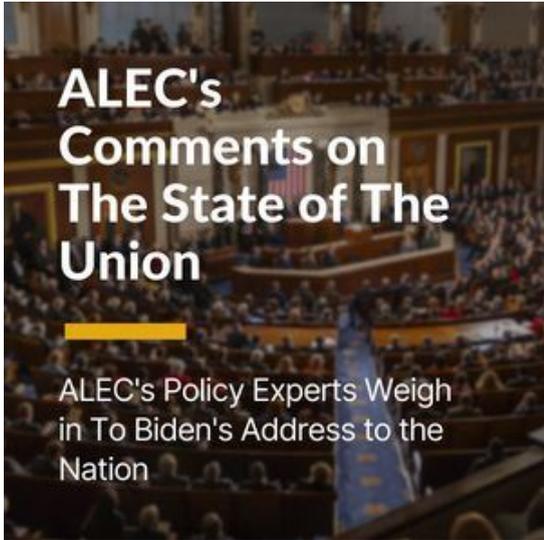
President Biden recently addressed the nation at his first State of the Union, and the ALEC policy team offered their reactions and insights to the President's address. You can read their responses below. ALEC went on the road again this past week, meeting with state leaders in Richmond, Virginia and will be visiting the state of Kansas in the near future. Keep an eye out for our Annual Meeting registration which opens next week. To read more about all these topics, scroll below!



STATE OF THE UNION



ON THE ROAD



As we watched President Joe Biden's State of the Union address this week, one thing was abundantly clear: in many instances, the President leaned on a top-down, big government approach to many of the issues facing America today. But will those ideas work to the betterment of Americans?

Read the responses of our task force directors to the policy ideas presented in the State of the Union.

[Read](#)

ALEC's Policy Team hosted a reception with NFIB-Virginia, and the Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors on Thursday to discuss issues impacting Virginia businesses.

ALEC always hopes to work alongside individuals who are vested in the wellbeing of their state. Be sure to keep an eye out for similar ALEC events in a state near you!



UPCOMING EVENTS



ON THE ROAD



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guest speaker. To learn more about this event, please reach out to our membership team by hitting the button below.

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Tomorrow Friday April 28th at 2:30p.m. EST. we will count down the country's best performing states on our 2022 Economic Outlook Ranking found in our 15th Edition of Rich States Poor State. Please join us for this virtual event. In our most recent episode of Across the States, we welcome Harmeet Dhillon, First Amendment attorney and CEO of the Center for American Liberty, to discuss Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter and what to expect from government regulators. There is also a new blog post on how poor policies threaten the products of America's mining industries, and always, we invite you to register for our Annual Meeting which is right on the horizon. For more on all these topics, scroll below!



FRIDAY VIRTUAL EVENT

ACROSS THE STATES

Counting Down the Country's Top States

Virtual Event Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us this [Friday at 2:30pm Eastern](#) as we begin our ALEC Policy Hour countdown series of the top states for [Economic Outlook](#) in the 2022 edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#).

This week, we will be joined by Arizona Senate President and ALEC National Chairwoman Karen Fann and Arizona Senate President Pro Tem and ALEC Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Vince Leach to explain how Arizona was able to move up 10 places in this year's rankings to #3.

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POLICY BLOG POST



A regulatory nightmare and a wave of inflation is set to inflict damage to America's

New Episode of Across the States

Elon Musk's Acquisition of Twitter and Possible Government Responses

The recent acquisition of social media giant Twitter by Elon Musk has sparked vigorous debate.

Harmeet Dhillon, CEO of the Center for American Liberty and long-time civil rights and free speech attorney, and Jonathon Hauenschild, Director of the ALEC Task Force on Communications and Technology Task Force join our most recent episode of Across the States. They discuss what Musk's purchase of Twitter means for social media and what to expect next.

[Listen](#)



ANNUAL MEETING



Registration is now open!

mining industry. But both of those factors are likely to become worse, impacted by the Administration's recent policy decisions.

To read more about what kinds of decisions are likely to drive up the price of drilling, oil and gas in the near future, click below.

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Events and Education

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ALEC's policy team has put out a blog post examining the threat of a food crisis and how states can best brace for its impact. We've published a video featuring Dr. Arthur Laffer on why tools like the 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom help keep America's governors accountable. ALEC placed an op-ed with the National Review, discussing Iowa's historic tax cuts, and we're celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting some of the women in the ALEC community. If you haven't already, don't forget to register for this year's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia by clicking below. To read more about all these subjects, scroll below!



ON THE AIR



GOVERNORS REPORT



Two of ALEC's policy experts recently went on the air with WIZM Radio to discuss the oncoming food production shortage resulting from the conflict in Ukraine and its impact on supply.

Together, they discuss what state legislatures can do to ease the supply shortages. You can listen to their conversation by clicking below!

Read



IN THE NEWS



Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy at ALEC, and Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk recently placed an op-ed with National Review on the historic tax cuts in Iowa.

In their article, they explain why the bill, which is estimated to provide up to \$1 billion in tax relief, is a huge win for the state of



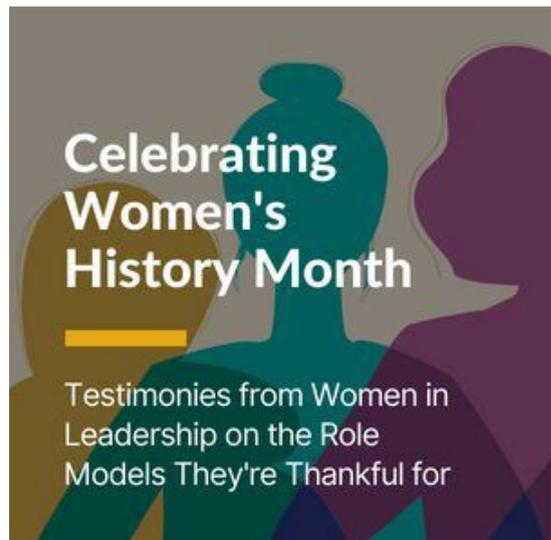
"Americans deserve the very best when it comes to their governments. They want government to serve them with full accountability." Dr. Arthur Laffer breaks down why the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom is a tool with which to hold governors accountable.

Click below to watch a short message from Dr. Laffer on how the report does just that.

Watch



WOMEN'S HISTORY



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.

Iowa. Governor Kim Reynolds and the rest of the Iowa Legislature have opted to invest in the future of the state. Read more about the bill below!

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[Arizona Senate President Karen Faura](#), ALEC National Chairwoman

[State Senator Leah Vukmir](#), Former ALEC National Chairwoman

In these videos, these exemplary women highlight the examples in their life that encouraged them to reach the heights they've achieved today.



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Events and Education

Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

ALEC's Policy Team has published two new blog posts—one on the chilling effect of donor disclosure and the other on the unintended consequences stemming from the 340B Program on prescription drugs. This week ALEC will also be traveling to Virginia to meet with state leadership, and released a statement on the conflict in Ukraine. Read more about these topics below!



ON THE ROAD



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



ALEC's Policy Team will be hosting a reception with NFIB-Virginia, and the Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors to discuss issues impacting Virginia businesses.

Be sure to keep an eye out for similar ALEC events in a state near you.



FREE SPEECH



Donor disclosure places a chilling effect on contributions that might go towards creating legitimate public discourse. Read our post below where we take a closer look at how this situation played out with the Freedom Convoy incident in the past month.

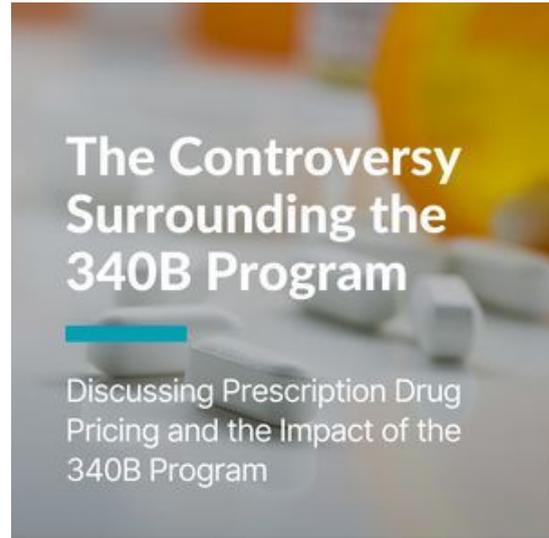
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Read below to learn about ALEC's position on the conflict in Eastern Europe. Here's why we stand opposed to Putin's aggression and his attack on national autonomy.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, participating drug manufacturers agree to provide a discount to eligible hospitals and other "covered entities" who serve low-income individuals not covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Learn more about the unintended consequences section 340B has caused by reading below.

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CEO Update: ALEC's 2022 Policy Priorities

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Dear Friends,

ALEC has a unique opportunity in 2022 to remind Americans in all fifty states of something that they already know—something that has recently become crystal clear: federal centralization is not the answer to all our problems.

We've always been proponents of local authority and its ability to further the common good. Many leaders in America have turned their backs on state-based solutions and instead put their trust in the federal government and top-down answers.

But right now, as the country continues healing from the effects of COVID-19, Americans are increasingly rejecting those sentiments. Parents are voting for candidates who protect their rights [in determining their children's education](#). Americans are [voting with their feet](#) by moving to states with policies that prioritize educational and economic freedom.

These elements present us with an opportunity. We at ALEC hope to demonstrate that there is a better path forward. 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 as well as at the federal level in Washington. [Our 2022 Essential Policy Ideas](#) highlight some ways in which together we can do just that.

There's work to be done! Criminal justice reform, border security, protecting our constitutional right of free speech, freedom of association, individual liberty, protecting our environment while promoting American energy independence, strengthening the US-Taiwan economic partnership and academic transparency are all just a few of the areas ALEC hopes to address in 2022. All ten of our task forces and ACCE each have their respective priorities and objectivities in the coming year. [You can read about them in detail here.](#)

Through January and now into February, we've already started working towards many of these goals. Earlier this month, [we testified in Pennsylvania](#) on the difference between public campaign finance and donor privacy and went on the road to Pennsylvania, Iowa, Florida and Louisiana (just to name a few). If you are ever interested in having our team visit your state, please let us know – we are just a phone call away.



Additionally, we're staying close to the ground by covering topics of national interest like bringing you the latest on [the fight for parental authority](#) in Virginia. And through our outlets like [our podcast](#), we've covered what state legislatures can do to make a difference in [how healthcare works in their states](#).

Be sure to keep an eye on our blog and other ALEC outlets as we continue to press forward on our policy priorities for this year.

We want to make sure that, as a partner of ALEC, you're aware of what we plan to do in 2022. If you have any questions about our listed priorities, don't hesitate to reach out. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. In addition, we want to hear your priorities! Part of what makes ALEC such a powerful round-table source of solutions is the partnership we have with so many difference-makers across the country. Through our unique combination of creating a space for state legislatures, private sector leaders, and Federal representatives, ALEC hopes to continue creating the kind of cooperation it has made possible for the past 50 years.

Your Friend,

Lisa B. Nelson

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Events and Education

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ALEC recently attended CPAC, connecting with conservative thought-leaders and listening to the concerns of state representatives from all across the country. Our CIED Task Force hosted a webinar for legislative staff on fostering economic growth, and Jonathan Williams gave his perspective on Nebraska's increased state revenue. ALEC will be on the road again shortly, visiting the state of Kansas alongside guest speaker Ned Ryn. For more on all these topics, read below!



ALEC AT CPAC



WEBINAR RECORDING



Members of the ALEC team traveled to CPAC in Florida to meet with attendees, interact with state legislators and keep up to date on the direction of the conservative movement.

While at CPAC, Nino Marchese, the task force director for ALEC's Criminal Justice Task Force, sat down with former New York City police officer Rob O'Donnell to talk about criminal justice reform and law enforcement best practices. Click below to listen!



Thank you to the attendees from all walks of life who met with our team members while at CPAC!

[Listen](#)



STATE POLICY



ALEC recently hosted a webinar for legislative and committee staff on how to best encourage entrepreneurial growth in their states. The event, hosted by the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force, can be viewed below!

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Across The States

The Premier State Policy Podcast Produced by the
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Dear: La Trenda,

This week *Across the States* released two podcasts delving into law enforcement reform and small businesses.

State Legislator of the Month

In [episode 116](#), learn about the efforts of our State Legislator of the Month for February, Rep. John Wills of Iowa to invest in small businesses. Rep. Wills and I sat down with ALEC's Director of Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development, Gretchen Baldau, for a discussion on the action he is pursuing in the Iowa Legislature to support entrepreneurs and job creation.

[Click here to listen!](#)

An Interview with Former NYPD Officer Rob O'Donnell

And in [episode 115](#), tune in for a sit-down interview between Nino Marchese, Director of the ALEC Task Forces for Civil and Criminal Justice, and Rob O'Donnell, Senior National Law Enforcement Contributor for Law Enforcement Today and retired NYPD Detective, covering how lawmakers can best support the police and reform law enforcement.

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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 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!

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PUBLICATIONS



The 2021 Governors Scorecard

A Ranked Evaluation of the 50 Governors of the United States



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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ALEC EVENTS



Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

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

Registration is now open!

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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!

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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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This Week at ALEC

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Our policy team put out two blog posts this past week. One of them looks at the massive omnibus spending package attempting to fly through Congress. The other evaluates President Biden's energy policy and separates out fact from fiction. Registration for our Annual Meeting just opened, and there's a new episode of Across the States—and interview on Small Business Reform with our state legislator of the month, Rep. John Wills.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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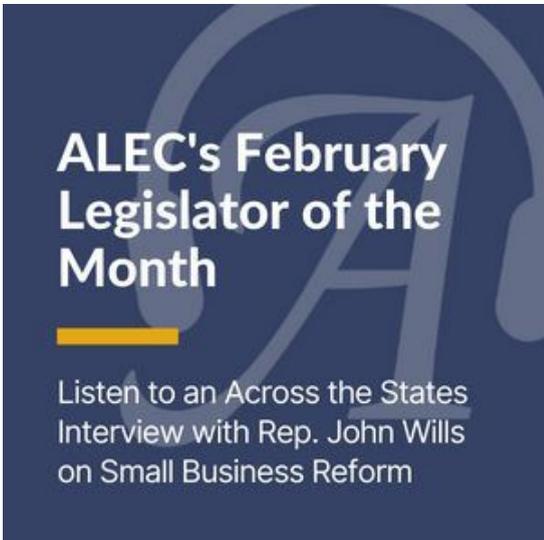


There's a new spending package making its way through Congress. It's a bill with a clear political message: support this massive omnibus spending effort or suffer the political consequences of a partial government shutdown.

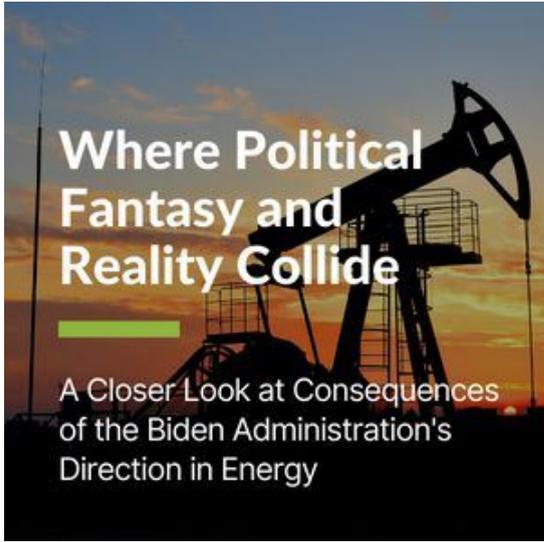
As Congress deliberates over the 2,700-page bill, Americans are already feeling the weight of inflation at the gas pump, the grocery store, and everywhere in between. This bill is the last thing Americans need. Click below to read more.

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ACROSS THE STATES



Small businesses are responsible for more than 60% of all new jobs created in the



The national average for a gallon of gas has reached a record high in the last week. Regardless of the Biden administration's reasoning for why that's the case, there are a few discernible policy decisions that have let us here.

In a recent blog post, ALEC's policy team helps separate out the fact from fiction on why gas prices have almost doubled in less than two years—and the key decisions that debilitated America's energy independence.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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United States.

In Iowa, Representative John Wills is leading the charge to invest in the entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, and cottage industries who make up the backbone of our economy.

On today's episode of Across the States, ALEC's February State Legislator of the Month and Board of Directors member Representative John Wills joins Gretchen Baldau, Director of the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force, and Matt Fisher to discuss his efforts to support small businesses and deliver results for constituents.

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This week, ALEC was featured in three different news outlets. Appearances on NTD News, Talkback Radio and RealClear Politics allowed ALEC's policy team to explain topics like why politically charged investment schemes hurt retirees, how California is attempting to control a nationwide market and the "opportunity project" making its way through the states. Scroll below to read more on all of these topics!



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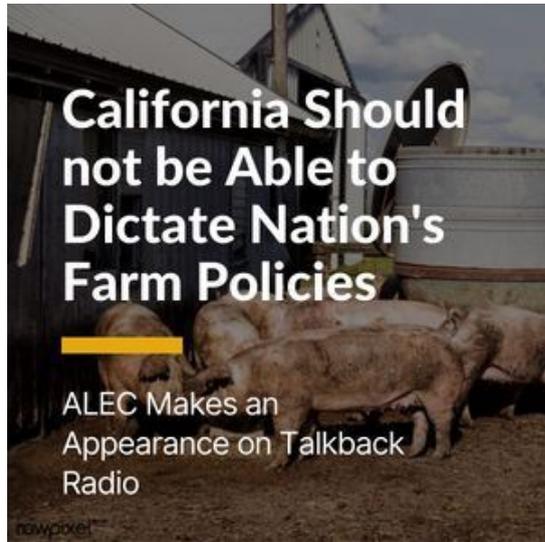
ALEC's Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, recently made an appearance on NTD News to discuss politically motivated investment schemes that are likely to hurt retirees. The problem comes as some states propose using pension funds to advance politically progressive agendas. That, Jonathan Williams says, would only hurt the financial aid portioned out for retirees and improperly use pension funds.

To watch the interview, click below!

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IN THE NEWS



California recently implemented a measure that would force pork producers across the country to adhere to certain requirements set out by the Golden State on how to raise, house, and look after their hogs.

On a recent appearance on Talkback Radio, ALEC policy expert Joe Trotter lays out why this requirement will only work to the detriment of the pork industry. Listen below!

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ANNUAL MEETING



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Americans to file their 2021 tax returns. This year's Tax Day coincides with President Biden's recent proposal to raise taxes on small businesses, corporations, and individuals by \$2.5 trillion. His plan would partly reverse the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed at the end of 2017 that led to historic shared economic prosperity in 2018 and 2019.

That's something that's prompting more states to join the "great opportunity project."

Jonathan Williams recently published commentary with RealClear Politics, expanding on how state leadership can keep promoting growth in their state by joining the increasing number of states slashing taxes in key areas. Read that commentary below!

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Events and Education, March 2022

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Events and Education

Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

ALEC has released its most recent publication, the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, ranking the governors of the United States. ALEC is back on the road this week as we visit Georgia to discuss fiscal policy. And our Policy Team had released a blog post on rising gas prices. Read more about these topics below!



GOVERNORS REPORT



POLICY BRIEFING



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. The ALEC Policy Team and the Laffer Group together evaluate the policies of 50 governors in the U.S., ranking them 1-50. To read the report, click below!

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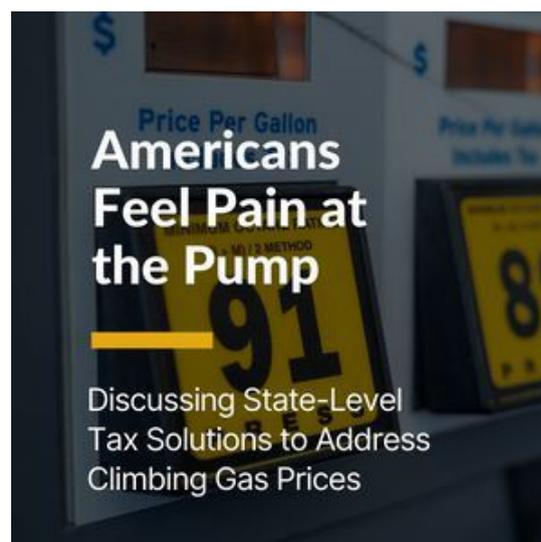
The ALEC Policy Team travels to Atlanta, Georgia this week. Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy at ALEC, will be joining the Hunter Hotel Investment Conference. Later on, other ALEC team members will host an economic policy Issue Briefing with state leaders including the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and the Georgia Director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

To contact ALEC about having a workshop in your state, please reach out to Jonathan Williams. You can email him by using the link below.

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ENERGY



In their new article, Lee Schalk and ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director Joe Trotter discuss the various state proposals to suspend the gas tax amid record high prices at the pump.

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Events and Education, March 2022

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ALEC's policy team has put out a blog post explaining the teachers' strike in Minneapolis. Our CIED Task Force is preparing for an upcoming webinar on worker rights and labor reform for ALEC members. Registration for our Annual Meeting is now open, and we've brought you a video clip on women's history month featuring Congresswoman Yvette Herrell. For more on all these topics, read below!



POLICY BLOG POST



ALEC WEBINAR



The Minneapolis Teachers Union officially went on strike this Tuesday, plunging the district into an indefinite shutdown and suddenly sending parents scrambling for alternatives. What are the issues at play? What are the teachers' demands? Our Policy Team explains the situation below.

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ALEC ANNUAL MEETING



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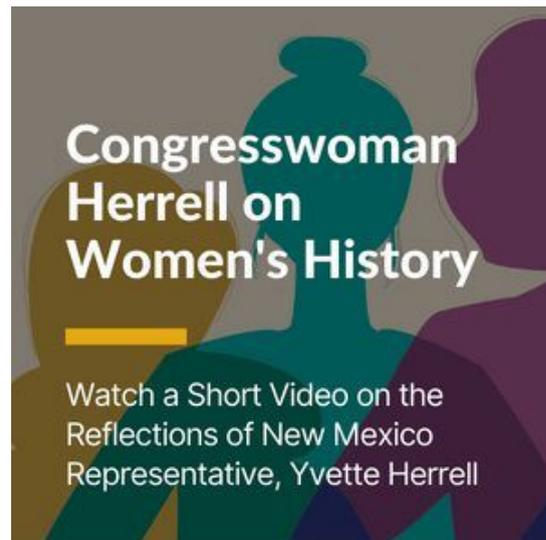
Join ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force this Friday, March 8th at 2:00pmET for an ALEC Policy Hour focusing on workers' rights and labor reform. Listen in as issue experts from [Associated Builders and Contractors](#), the [American Hotel & Lodging Association](#), and [Senator Tim Scott's](#) office discuss the challenges facing workers and employers and the possible reforms that address these issues. For questions about this upcoming event, you can email CIED's Taskforce Director [by clicking here](#).

To watch CIED's last Webinar, click below!

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WOMEN'S HISTORY



“In Women’s History Month, I would like to thank my mom... my sisters, my other relatives. But I also want to thank the women who shaped me into the person I am today—the people like Lisa Nelson, like Clela Mitchell, the women that won their races last year to bring the most women into the U.S. House of Representatives as Republicans.”

Click below to watch the full clip!

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There are two upcoming ALEC virtual events this week. First, ALEC's Policy Team is counting down the states on our Economic Outlook Ranking featured in our Rich States Poor States report. Second, there's an ALEC Working Group on cannabis reform. You can sign up for both of those below. ALEC has also released a Health and Human Services blog post on the "right to try," and we invite you to register for our Annual Meeting in Atlanta.



RICH STATES POOR STATES



WORKING GROUP

Counting Down the Country's Top States

Virtual Event Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us this [Friday at 2:30pm Eastern](#) as we begin our ALEC Policy Hour countdown series of the top states for [Economic Outlook](#) in the 2022 edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#).

This week, we will be joined by Arizona Senate President and ALEC National Chairwoman Karen Fann and Arizona Senate President Pro Tem and ALEC Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Vince Leach to explain how Arizona was able to move up 10 places in this year's rankings to #3.

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HEALTHCARE

Leading the Nation with the Right to Try

"The right to try to save one's own life is one of the most precious rights of all."

In this recent policy blog post, the Health and Human Services Task force goes over "right to try" policy." More specifically, the post covers Arizona's efforts to allow patients

Upcoming ALEC Cannabis Working Group

A Virtual Working Group Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 1:00 p.m. EST

The ALEC Cannabis Reform Working Group will be meeting to share and discuss lessons learned as states grapple with shifting cannabis policy this Friday at 1:00 p.m. EST. In order to attend, make sure to register by clicking below!

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MEETING

Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

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access to cutting-edge medical technology that very well might save lives. To read more about some of the issues at play in this topic, click below to read the article!

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legislators, private businesses, and federal representatives to work together to bring about market-based, limited government solutions to the problems facing our country.

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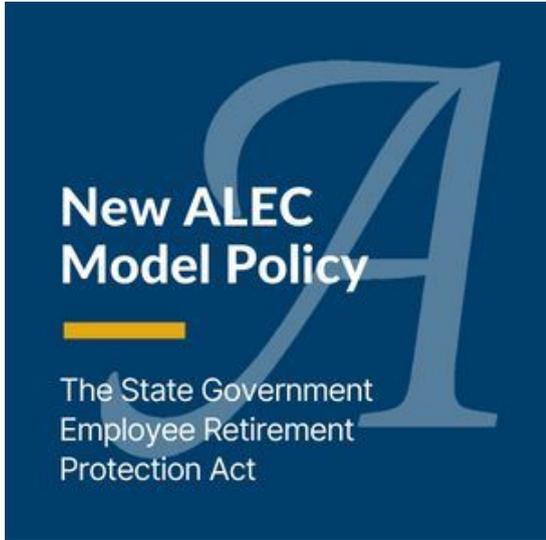
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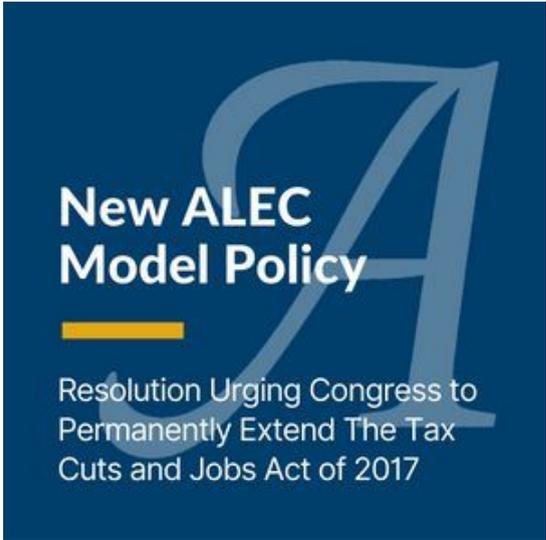
This week, ALEC approved two model policies: "The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act" and "The Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017." The Wall Street Journal published an article unpacking the former, and Jonathan Williams placed an article with the National Review regarding the latter.





"The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act" aims to strengthen fiduciary rules to protect pensioners from politically driven investment strategies. These strategies reduce investment returns over the long term which leads to underfunding in state pension plans across the country.

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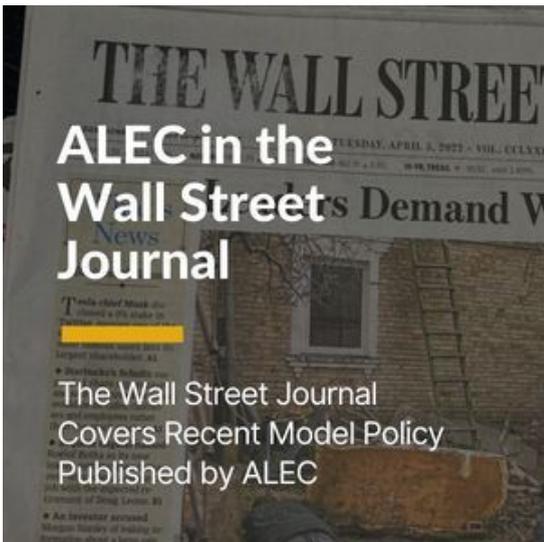


The "Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" encourages Congress to permanently extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which was signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2017. Allowing this essential tax relief to expire would undoubtedly harm hardworking American taxpayers, slow the growth of the U.S. economy, and further harm America's ability to compete.

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IN THE NEWS



The Wall Street Journal covered one of ALEC's model policies in their recent article, "Conservative Group Wants to Stop State Pensions From Pursuing ESG Initiatives."



TAX POLICY



National Review recently published an op-ed written by ALEC's Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, co-authored with ALEC

"The American Legislative Exchange Council, an association of state legislators, on Wednesday put forward model legislation that provides states a template for laws to keep pension funds from following so-called environmental, social and governance trends," the article reads.

Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk. Their article covers the historic \$2 billion tax cuts in Iowa and what it means for the state. You can read the op-ed by clicking below!

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An invitation from the Center for State Fiscal Reform

Friends,

As Tax Day is just around the corner on April 18th this year, I hope you will join us later this morning for the official release of the Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Competitiveness Index 15th edition rankings.

We will be hosting a preview call **today at 11:00am ET**, featuring Dr. Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore. If you would like to participate, [please register here.](#)



If you plan to write something or give a presentation on the new edition and would like to receive an embargoed copy of this year's rankings, please let me know. We will officially release the new rankings on Monday, April 18th. You won't want to miss this sneak preview of how your state ranks!

[Register Today!](#)

All the best,

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Following the release of ALEC's 5th Edition of "Rich States Poor States" (RSPS), state leaders in Utah called the report "monumental," saying it was a valuable indication of state trajectory. Jonathon Hauenschield, ALEC's Director for its Communication and Technology Task Force, comments on a recent court ruling limiting the power of the CDC, and ALEC's policy team went live on Liberty Watch Radio to discuss newly-approved Model Policy. To read more on all these topics, scroll below!



IN THE NEWS



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Kaiser Health News recently published an article on the CDC's rule requiring the use of masks on public transportation. A federal judge in Florida held that the CDC exceeded their rulemaking authority and invalidated the CDC's mask mandate. ALEC's Director for the Communications and Technology Task Force says this decision works in the favor of maintaining a balance of power in matters of public health.

Click below to read the article!

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IN THE NEWS



ALEC recently voted on and approved model policy titled Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.



State leaders in Utah described the publication of RSPS as "monumental" and said the report gives them confidence in Utah's growth—even in difficult times.

"With interest rates rising, with inflation on the horizon, this speaks very well for Utah's future. And even with some of those issues, our future is bright," Utah's Senate President Stuart Adams said.

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ANNUAL MEETING



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ALEC recently took to the airwaves with Liberty Watch Radio to discuss why this model policy would help produce growth. The Policy Team, joined by ALEC's Chair for the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force, Vince Leach, discuss the resolution. Listen to the full interview by clicking below!

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policy.

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CEO Update: Rich States Poor States and more

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Dear friends,

Understanding what went *wrong* is only half the picture.

During the past two years, states across the U.S. have had varied responses to the pandemic. Not surprisingly, these responses have had a large impact on how those individual states have recovered from the pandemic. Layered on top of this challenge is an Administration that has given the country the highest rate of inflation in 40 years by injecting the economy with vast amounts of federal spending, while limiting product output (consumer goods) due to its disregard of supply chain disruptions and shutting down domestic energy production. No state has been immune to this federal mismanagement.



But in the face of these challenges, states like Utah and South Dakota have found ways to grow their economies and workforces while also drawing in new talent from other parts of the country. The contrast between the two begs the question: what are these states doing differently?

In order to answer that question, we at ALEC believe that finding out what went wrong isn't enough. We have to have an understanding of what went *right*.

ALEC's 15th Edition of [*Rich States Poor States*](#), co-authored by ALEC's Executive Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, Dr. Arthur Laffer and Economist Stephen Moore, evaluates 15 areas of policy that have proven over time to be influential for state competitiveness and growth. In the decade and a half of compiling this report, ALEC has found a common trend that extends through all of them: cutting taxes, paying down debt, and maintaining free market policies helps states prosper and attract new residents.

From tax burdens on income and property to the size of state government and the right to work, *Rich States, Poor States* teaches us that state policies matter. With the right policies

in place, the individual is empowered to thrive and take advantage of opportunities for growth and prosperity—even in the face of a worldwide virus, a war in Eastern Europe and the other challenges facing us today.

We want to extend special congratulations to the state of Utah for taking the number one spot in this year's Economic Outlook Ranking. This year, Utah, North Carolina, Arizona, Oklahoma and Idaho all made the top five category of our evaluation. Not surprisingly, New York, New Jersey, California and Vermont found themselves at the bottom of the ranking.

We want to help you find answers that move your state forward. This past month, we approved two new model policies that will help do exactly that. [One helps state governments protect retirees and taxpayers by safeguarding pensions from politics](#). The other calls on Congress to [extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017](#) and help lock in effective measures put in place that helped spur the economy. These won't be the only model policies ALEC looks at in 2022. We will be reviewing and adopting dozens of additional model policies at our Annual Meeting in Atlanta. [You can register to that event by clicking here](#).

I want to thank you for being a part of ALEC and continuing to work alongside us. Your dedication to the principles of limited government free markets and federalism is a continued reminder of our amazing network. I'm grateful for your participation and support.

Your Friend,

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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



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!

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TASK FORCE WEBINAR

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 2:00 p.m. EST for an ALEC Policy Hour focusing on workers' rights and labor reform. Listen in as issue experts from

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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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 [Cretchen Baldauby clicking here](#)

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CEO Update: ALEC's 2022 Policy Priorities

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Dear Friends,

ALEC has a unique opportunity in 2022 to remind Americans in all fifty states of something that they already know—something that has recently become crystal clear: federal centralization is not the answer to all our problems.

We've always been proponents of local authority and its ability to further the common good. Many leaders in America have turned their backs on state-based solutions and instead put their trust in the federal government and top-down answers.

But right now, as the country continues healing from the effects of COVID-19, Americans are increasingly rejecting those sentiments. Parents are voting for candidates who protect their rights [in determining their children's education](#). Americans are [voting with their feet](#) by moving to states with policies that prioritize educational and economic freedom.

These elements present us with an opportunity. We at ALEC hope to demonstrate that there is a better path forward. 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 as well as at the federal level in Washington. [Our 2022 Essential Policy Ideas](#) highlight some ways in which together we can do just that.

There's work to be done! Criminal justice reform, border security, protecting our constitutional right of free speech, freedom of association, individual liberty, protecting our environment while promoting American energy independence, strengthening the US-Taiwan economic partnership and academic transparency are all just a few of the areas ALEC hopes to address in 2022. All ten of our task forces and ACCE each have their respective priorities and objectivities in the coming year. [You can read about them in detail here.](#)

Through January and now into February, we've already started working towards many of these goals. Earlier this month, [we testified in Pennsylvania](#) on the difference between public campaign finance and donor privacy and went on the road to Pennsylvania, Iowa, Florida and Louisiana (just to name a few). If you are ever interested in having our team visit your state, please let us know – we are just a phone call away.



Additionally, we're staying close to the ground by covering topics of national interest like bringing you the latest on [the fight for parental authority](#) in Virginia. And through our outlets like [our podcast](#), we've covered what state legislatures can do to make a difference in [how healthcare works in their states](#).

Be sure to keep an eye on our blog and other ALEC outlets as we continue to press forward on our policy priorities for this year.

We want to make sure that, as a partner of ALEC, you're aware of what we plan to do in 2022. If you have any questions about our listed priorities, don't hesitate to reach out. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. In addition, we want to hear your priorities! Part of what makes ALEC such a powerful round-table source of solutions is the partnership we have with so many difference-makers across the country. Through our unique combination of creating a space for state legislatures, private sector leaders, and Federal representatives, ALEC hopes to continue creating the kind of cooperation it has made possible for the past 50 years.

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Friends,

As Tax Day is just around the corner on April 18th this year, I hope you will join us later this morning for the official release of the Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Competitiveness Index 15th edition rankings.

We will be hosting a preview call **today at 11:00am ET**, featuring Dr. Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore. If you would like to participate, [please register here.](#)



If you plan to write something or give a presentation on the new edition and would like to receive an embargoed copy of this year's rankings, please let me know. We will officially release the new rankings on Monday, April 18th. You won't want to miss this sneak preview of how your state ranks!

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All the best,

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This week, ALEC was featured in three different news outlets. Appearances on NTD News, Talkback Radio and RealClear Politics allowed ALEC's policy team to explain topics like why politically charged investment schemes hurt retirees, how California is attempting to control a nationwide market and the "opportunity project" making its way through the states. Scroll below to read more on all of these topics!



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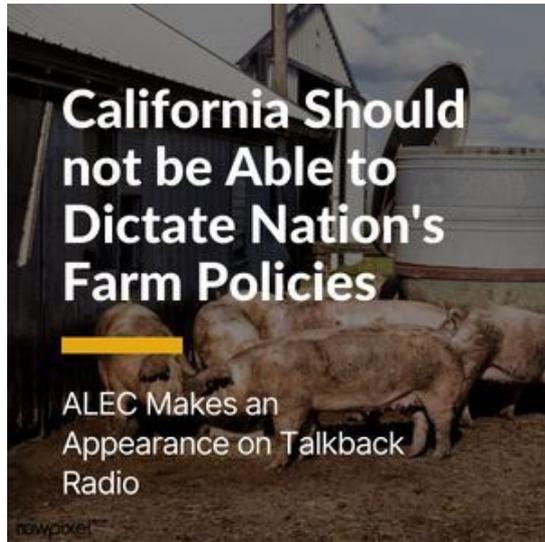
ALEC's Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, recently made an appearance on NTD News to discuss politically motivated investment schemes that are likely to hurt retirees. The problem comes as some states propose using pension funds to advance politically progressive agendas. That, Jonathan Williams says, would only hurt the financial aid portioned out for retirees and improperly use pension funds.

To watch the interview, click below!

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IN THE NEWS



California recently implemented a measure that would force pork producers across the country to adhere to certain requirements set out by the Golden State on how to raise, house, and look after their hogs.

On a recent appearance on Talkback Radio, ALEC policy expert Joe Trotter lays out why this requirement will only work to the detriment of the pork industry. Listen below!

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ANNUAL MEETING



Registration is now open!

ALEC's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

Americans to file their 2021 tax returns. This year's Tax Day coincides with President Biden's recent proposal to raise taxes on small businesses, corporations, and individuals by \$2.5 trillion. His plan would partly reverse the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed at the end of 2017 that led to historic shared economic prosperity in 2018 and 2019.

That's something that's prompting more states to join the "great opportunity project."

Jonathan Williams recently published commentary with RealClear Politics, expanding on how state leadership can keep promoting growth in their state by joining the increasing number of states slashing taxes in key areas. Read that commentary below!

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Where does your state rank?

Today the American Legislative Exchange Council released its 15th annual Rich States, Poor States report ranking states by how well they are governed. Authors Dr. Arthur Laffer, Stephen Moore, and Jonathan Williams consider 15 different measures, including personal, corporate, and property tax rates, and right-to-work laws. ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams told the Daily Caller News Foundation, "The report teaches us that states with lower taxes, especially those that avoid personal income taxes, have seen significantly better rates of in-migration than states with [high-income] tax rates."

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This week, ALEC approved two model policies: "The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act" and "The Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017." The Wall Street Journal published an article unpacking the former, and Jonathan Williams placed an article with the National Review regarding the latter.



New ALEC Model Policy

The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act

"The State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act" aims to strengthen fiduciary rules to protect pensioners from politically driven investment strategies. These strategies reduce investment returns over the long term which leads to underfunding in state pension plans across the country.

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New ALEC Model Policy

Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

The "Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" encourages Congress to permanently extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which was signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2017. Allowing this essential tax relief to expire would undoubtedly harm hardworking American taxpayers, slow the growth of the U.S. economy, and further harm America's ability to compete.

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The Wall Street Journal covered one of ALEC's model policies in their recent article, "Conservative Group Wants to Stop State Pensions From Pursuing ESG Initiatives."



TAX POLICY

A Look at Iowa's Tax Cuts in National Review

Jonathan Williams Publishes an Op-Ed, Discussing Iowa's Historic Tax Cuts

National Review recently published an op-ed written by ALEC's Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, co-authored with ALEC

"The American Legislative Exchange Council, an association of state legislators, on Wednesday put forward model legislation that provides states a template for laws to keep pension funds from following so-called environmental, social and governance trends," the article reads.

Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk. Their article covers the historic \$2 billion tax cuts in Iowa and what it means for the state. You can read the op-ed by clicking below!

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How can states make the best use of the funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act? Why are there substantially fewer unionized public employees than *private sector* employees? The ALEC Policy Team has published two new blog posts addressing these questions. There's a new episode of Across the States, and be sure to register to our Annual Meeting below!



INFRASTRUCTURE

ACROSS THE STATES



How can states make the most of the federal funding received from last year's infrastructure package?

Legislatures have a say in identifying their state's infrastructure needs and in deciding how a portion of their funding is spent—but there are quite a few things to consider. What are ways in which state legislatures can approach these decisions with taxpayers in mind? ALEC is here to offer some resources on how to do just that.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Last year, just over 6% of private sector employees were part of a union. For public sector workers union membership was significantly higher—at 33.9%

But why is that the case?

Click below to read more about the history and background of public sector unions to better understand where they find themselves today. Additionally, this blog post explores what states can do to protect public sector workers at their places of work.

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The American Legislative Exchange Council recently released the second edition of the 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, Grading America's Governors.

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, and Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, joined Matthew Fisher to break down the best and worst governors of America, what the report measures, and highlight the work governors and statehouses are doing in 2022.

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ALEC has released its most recent publication, the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, ranking the governors of the United States. ALEC is back on the road this week as we visit Georgia to discuss fiscal policy. And our Policy Team had released a blog post on rising gas prices. Read more about these topics below!



GOVERNORS REPORT



POLICY BRIEFING



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. The ALEC Policy Team and the Laffer Group together evaluate the policies of 50 governors in the U.S., ranking them 1-50. To read the report, click below!

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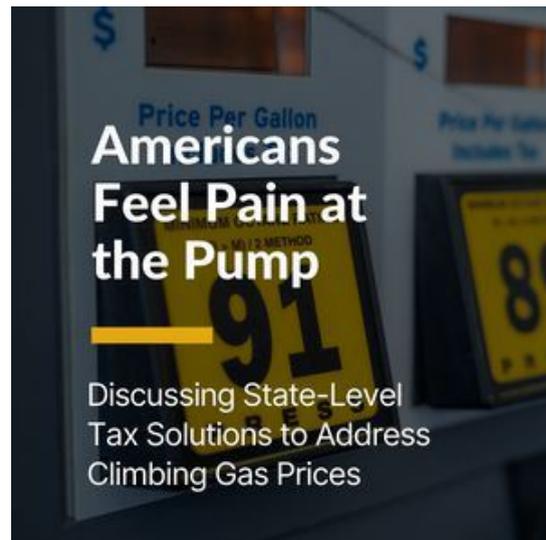
The ALEC Policy Team travels to Atlanta, Georgia this week. Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy at ALEC, will be joining the Hunter Hotel Investment Conference. Later on, other ALEC team members will host an economic policy Issue Briefing with state leaders including the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and the Georgia Director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

To contact ALEC about having a workshop in your state, please reach out to Jonathan Williams. You can email him by using the link below.

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ENERGY



In their new article, Lee Schalk and ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director Joe Trotter discuss the various state proposals to suspend the gas tax amid record high prices at the pump.

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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 ~~2021~~ **2022** Governors Report and we invite you to register for ALEC's ~~49th~~ **50th** 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!

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PUBLICATIONS



The 2021 Governors Scorecard

A Ranked Evaluation of the 50 Governors of the United States



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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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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ALEC's policy team has put out a blog post examining the threat of a food crisis and how states can best brace for its impact. We've published a video featuring Dr. Arthur Laffer on why tools like the 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom help keep America's governors accountable. ALEC placed an op-ed with the National Review, discussing Iowa's historic tax cuts, and we're celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting some of the women in the ALEC community. If you haven't already, don't forget to register for this year's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia by clicking below. To read more about all these subjects, scroll below!



ON THE AIR



GOVERNORS REPORT



Two of ALEC's policy experts recently went on the air with WIZM Radio to discuss the oncoming food production shortage resulting from the conflict in Ukraine and its impact on supply.

Together, they discuss what state legislatures can do to ease the supply shortages. You can listen to their conversation by clicking below!

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IN THE NEWS



Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy at ALEC, and Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk recently placed an op-ed with National Review on the historic tax cuts in Iowa.

In their article, they explain why the bill, which is estimated to provide up to \$1 billion in tax relief, is a huge win for the state of



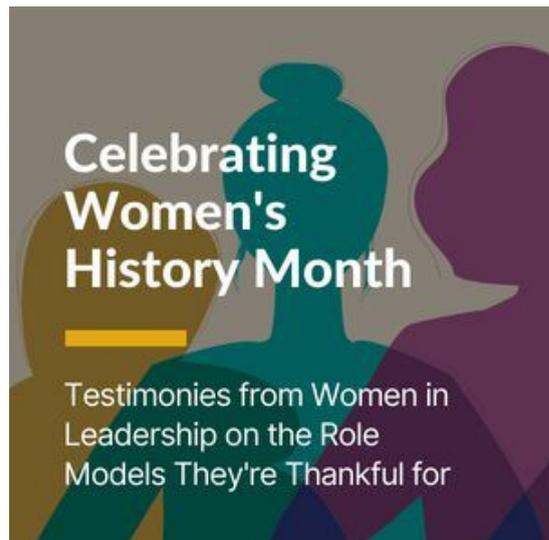
"Americans deserve the very best when it comes to their governments. They want government to serve them with full accountability." Dr. Arthur Laffer breaks down why the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom is a tool with which to hold governors accountable.

Click below to watch a short message from Dr. Laffer on how the report does just that.

Watch



WOMEN'S HISTORY



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.

Iowa. Governor Kim Reynolds and the rest of the Iowa Legislature have opted to invest in the future of the state. Read more about the bill below!

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[State Senator Leah Vukmir](#), Former ALEC National Chairwoman

In these videos, these exemplary women highlight the examples in their life that encouraged them to reach the heights they've achieved today.



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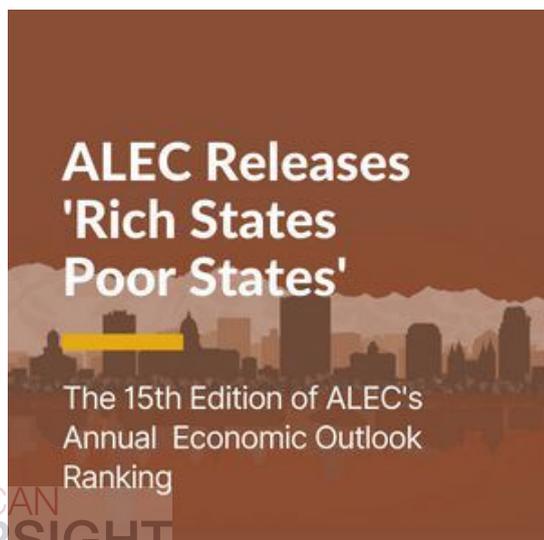
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What makes some states positioned for growth? What kinds of policy hold states back? These questions are evaluated and answered in ALEC's newly-released 15th Edition of "Rich States Poor States" and its Economic Performance Ranking. ALEC's policy team went live to discuss the methodology behind that report and we've published a new episode of "Across the States" discussing the runaway inflation gripping the country. For more on all these topics, scroll below!



PUBLICATIONS

ACROSS THE STATES



"The 15th Edition of Rich States Poor States" contains the Economic Performance Ranking which is a backward-looking measure based on a state's performance on three important variables: State Gross Domestic Product, Absolute Domestic Migration and Non-Farm Payroll Employment — all of which are highly influenced by policy. This ranking details states' individual performances over the past 10 years based on this economic data.

Where does your state rank? Click below to find out.

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IN THE STUDIO



The ALEC Policy Team went live recently to discuss the methodology and ideas behind the 15th Edition of "Rich States Poor States." The Report, which evaluates the economic trajectory of all 50 states, looks at key areas of policy. But what are those key areas? And what makes them indicators of future economic performance? Executive Vice President of Policy at Chief Economist at ALEC Jonathan Williams and Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, discuss the topic. Click below to watch the recording.

Watch

New Episode of Across the States

An Interview with Lee Schalk and Joe Trotter on Runaway Inflation

Inflation reached record heights in March as prices soared by 8.5%. With working families paying more for gas and groceries, Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy at ALEC, and Joe Trotter, Director of Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force, joined ALECtv and Across the States to discuss this latest development with Matt Fisher and Catherine Mortensen.

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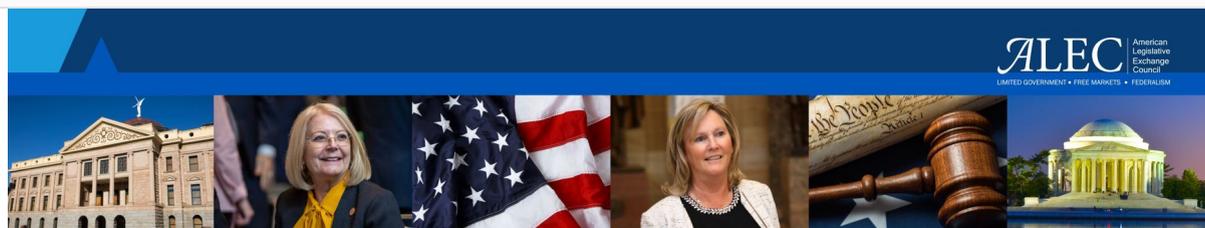
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Across the States

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Across The States

The Premier State Policy Podcast Produced by the
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Dear: Jordan,

This week *Across the States* released two podcasts delving into law enforcement reform and small businesses.

State Legislator of the Month

In [episode 116](#), learn about the efforts of our State Legislator of the Month for February, Rep. John Wills of Iowa to invest in small businesses. Rep. Wills and I sat down with ALEC's Director of Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development, Gretchen Baldau, for a discussion on the action he is pursuing in the Iowa Legislature to support entrepreneurs and job creation.

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An Interview with Former NYPD Officer Rob O'Donnell

And in [episode 115](#), tune in for a sit-down interview between Nino Marchese, Director of the ALEC Task Forces for Civil and Criminal Justice, and Rob O'Donnell, Senior National Law Enforcement Contributor for Law Enforcement Today and retired NYPD Detective, covering how lawmakers can best support the police and reform law enforcement.

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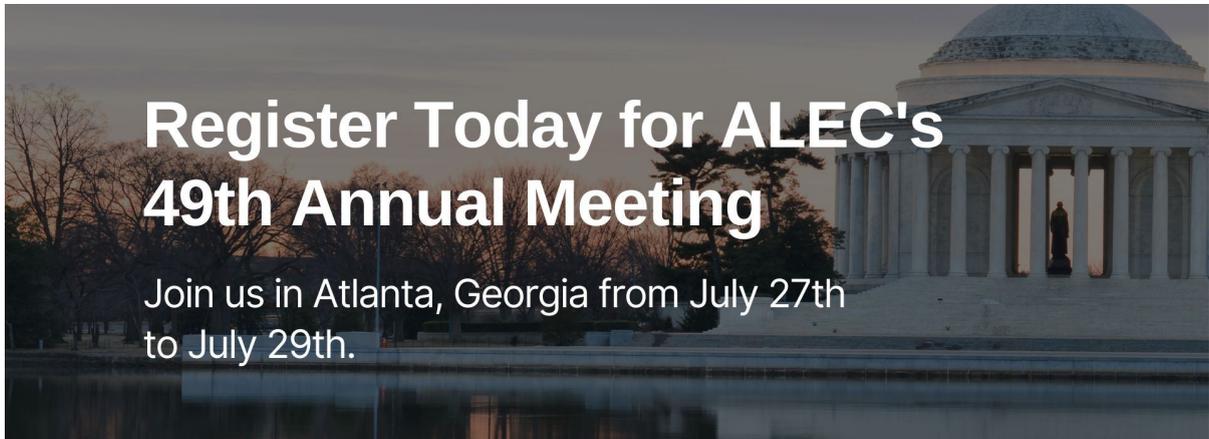
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Registration is now OPEN for the 49th ALEC Annual Meeting!

Join us as we come together in person for the 49th ALEC Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia from July 27 – 29! The ALEC Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to interact with state legislators, elected officials and stakeholders to discuss the future of America, as we strive to increase transparency in education, address the impending energy issues and seek solutions to solve the economic crisis. There is no better place to explore crucial policy solutions than the ALEC Annual Meeting.



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We have an exciting line-up of speakers that will make this a can't miss event. Dr. Alveda King who serves as the Chair of the Center for the American Dream at the America First Policy Institute will be joining us.

She is the daughter of the late slain civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and the niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She has served the Georgia State House of Representatives, is a former presidential appointee, and a 2021 recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. Her work and dedication to education reform and underserved communities proudly continues her family legacy.

Important Dates and Information



Registration opens **TODAY, March 9, 2022**
Standard rates will begin **June 2, 2022**
On-site rates will begin on **June 30, 2022**

Host Hotel:

The 49th ALEC Annual Meeting will take place at The Hilton Atlanta Downtown Hotel. To book a room in the ALEC housing block, please register for the 49th ALEC Annual Meeting. A link to book a hotel room will be included in your registration confirmation email.

Interested in sponsoring or exhibiting?

The **Exhibit Hall** at ALEC meetings is a popular networking hub for state legislators and policy experts, making exhibiting an effective medium to get your message out to hundreds of state and local leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to grow your network.

Contact [Madison Crawley](#) for details on being an Exhibitor.

Contact [Membership](#) for details on Sponsoring the event.

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Save the Date!

Save the date for the ALEC 2022 States & Nation Policy Summit this November 20 – December 2 in Washington, DC! ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2022 States & Nation Policy Summit will open in the Summer of 2022.

Questions? Contact the [ALEC Events Team](#)



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This week, the American Legislative Exchange Council was featured in the Washington Times for its model policy on state pension funds. The Policy Team put out a blog post on no-knock raids, and there are two new video segments to watch on current events and national trends. Alongside the content, ALEC invites you to register for our upcoming 49th Annual Meeting. You can save your spot by registering below!



IN THE NEWS



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



The Washington Times recently featured ALEC in an article titled "Conservative Shareholders Target 'Woke' Corporate Boards." The article explains ALEC's Model Policy that state pension funds should not be used for political purposes.

"The American Legislative Exchange Council... recently introduced model legislation that would stop state pension fund managers from introducing "woke criteria" into the investment selection process," the article reads.

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PRESS ROOM

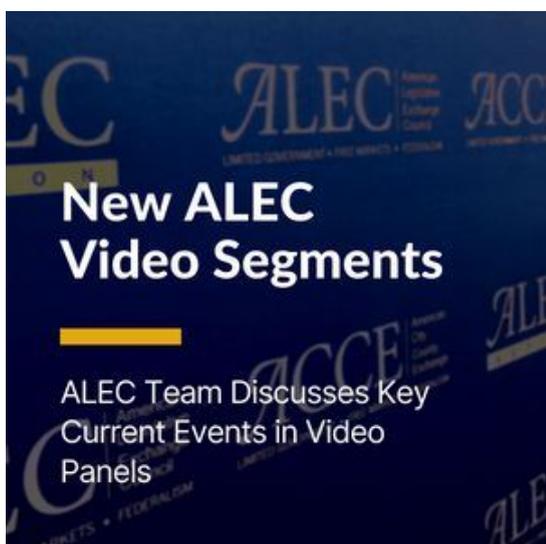


In a recently published Policy Blog Post, the ALEC Policy Team evaluates the risks behind no-knock raids, a controversial practice in law enforcement. But what's at the heart of the issue? And what do lawmakers need to understand about no-knock raids? To get a better understanding of some of the underlying uncertainties behind the issue, read the post by clicking below.

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ANNUAL MEETING



ALEC recently put out two video segments on a pair of significant current events.



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Firstly, the ALEC Public Affairs Team interviewed the three newly-elected members of the Manitowoc County, Wisconsin school board. [Click here to watch "Parent's Rights Candidates Flipping Local School Boards."](#)

Secondly, ALEC's Policy Team evaluates the roots of the inflation gripping the country. [Click here to watch "Sticker Shock: How States can Fight Back against Inflation."](#)

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President Biden recently addressed the nation at his first State of the Union, and the ALEC policy team offered their reactions and insights to the President's address. You can read their responses below. ALEC went on the road again this past week, meeting with state leaders in Richmond, Virginia and will be visiting the state of Kansas in the near future. Keep an eye out for our Annual Meeting registration which opens next week. To read more about all these topics, scroll below!



STATE OF THE UNION



ON THE ROAD



As we watched President Joe Biden's State of the Union address this week, one thing was abundantly clear: in many instances, the President leaned on a top-down, big government approach to many of the issues facing America today. But will those ideas work to the betterment of Americans?

Read the responses of our task force directors to the policy ideas presented in the State of the Union.

[Read](#)

ALEC's Policy Team hosted a reception with NFIB-Virginia, and the Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors on Thursday to discuss issues impacting Virginia businesses.

ALEC always hopes to work alongside individuals who are vested in the wellbeing of their state. Be sure to keep an eye out for similar ALEC events in a state near you!



UPCOMING EVENTS



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CEO Update: ALEC's 2022 Policy Priorities

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Dear friends,

When a reporter [recently asked President Biden](#) if he had a message to the American people on climbing gas prices, the President offered this answer:

“They’re going to go up,” Biden said. “Can’t do much right now. Russia is responsible.”



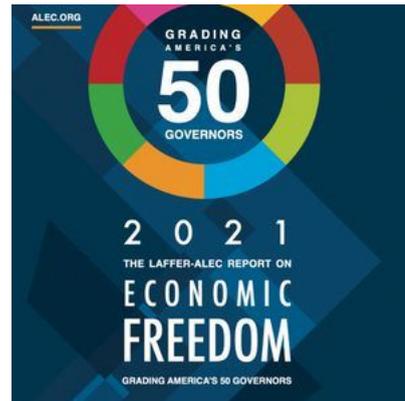
We respectfully disagree with the President. We believe there *are* solutions—not just for gas shortages but for all the challenges facing Americans today—that we *can* do something about them, and that there *is* leadership in America that will see it through.

But the reality is that it won’t come from Washington, D.C. or big government.

At ALEC, we find ways to increase the effectiveness of state-based solutions; to give local leaders the tools they need to protect and nurture their corner of the world. And the reason for that is simple: we believe that the people who are most suited to solve problems are often the people *closest* to those problems.

As demonstrated by our newly-released [2021](#)

[Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom](#), every time big government is compared to state-based solutions, it can't keep pace. We've taken the policies of every governor in America and evaluated them in a few key areas. What we've found is that growth happens most readily when it is entrusted to the individual. Instead of passing blame, the best leaders in America find ways to facilitate difficult times and empower people to persevere.



[We want to extend congratulations](#) to Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota for doing exactly that as she ranks first in this year's evaluation. In the middle of a pandemic, Governor Noem found ways to cut down on unemployment, empower businesses to make decisions that were right for them and ultimately increased state revenue. To read more about where other governors stand on our rankings, you can visit our website, [RankMyGovernor, by clicking here](#).



Governor Noem isn't the only female legislator we want to highlight. It's women's history month and ALEC is incredibly thankful to be working with hundreds of female legislators—leaders who take charge on all sorts of issues. We want to thank representatives like Governor Kim Reynolds and Governor Kay Ivey and others for fighting to maintain the integrity of women's sports. [We stand with Representative Victoria Spartz](#) and her plea on behalf of her home country of Ukraine. And we want to say thank you to the mothers all across the country who have decided [to become increasingly invested in their children's education](#). The involvement of these women makes for a stronger United States.

Finally, I personally want to recognize quiet, sacrificial leadership. [Bob Williams](#) wasn't a governor or a federal representative, but as a former state legislator in the state of Washington and then as an ALEC policy advisor, Bob never tired of working to bring about responsible state budget solutions. Following his time in office, Bob devoted his career to promoting balanced state fiscal policy, forever changing the American policy landscape. This past month, Bob passed away, leaving a hole in the ALEC family. He will always be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his core principles and the relentlessness he brought to work every day.



With all these examples, there are too many instances of excellent leadership in the states for us at ALEC to accept the President's suggestion that we just have to wait until things get better. We plan to continue working with you to [promote American energy independence](#), make breakthroughs in [healthcare policy](#), [fight back against crime](#), and

much more. And we hope you'll continue engaging with us to bring about state-based victories.

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Our policy team put out two blog posts this past week. One of them looks at the massive omnibus spending package attempting to fly through Congress. The other evaluates President Biden's energy policy and separates out fact from fiction. Registration for our Annual Meeting just opened, and there's a new episode of Across the States—and interview on Small Business Reform with our state legislator of the month, Rep. John Wills.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ENERGY

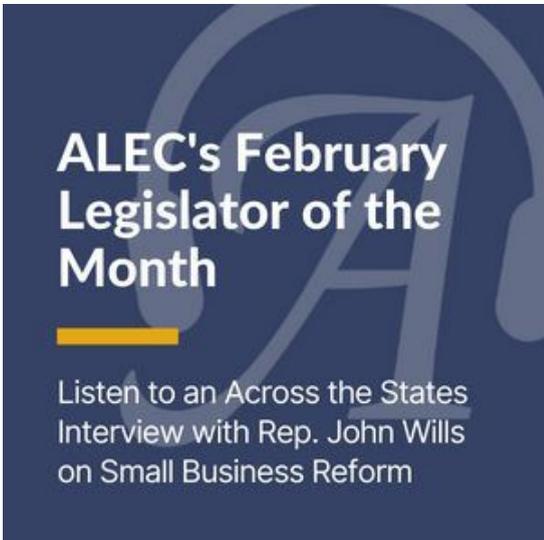


There's a new spending package making its way through Congress. It's a bill with a clear political message: support this massive omnibus spending effort or suffer the political consequences of a partial government shutdown.

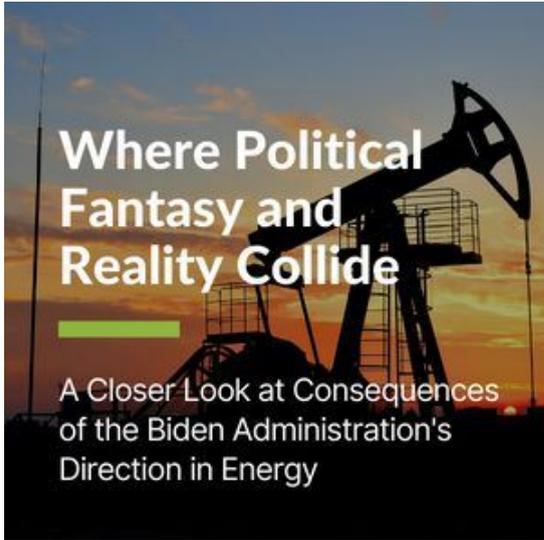
As Congress deliberates over the 2,700-page bill, Americans are already feeling the weight of inflation at the gas pump, the grocery store, and everywhere in between. This bill is the last thing Americans need. Click below to read more.

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ACROSS THE STATES



Small businesses are responsible for more than 60% of all new jobs created in the



The national average for a gallon of gas has reached a record high in the last week. Regardless of the Biden administration's reasoning for why that's the case, there are a few discernible policy decisions that have let us here.

In a recent blog post, ALEC's policy team helps separate out the fact from fiction on why gas prices have almost doubled in less than two years—and the key decisions that debilitated America's energy independence.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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United States.

In Iowa, Representative John Wills is leading the charge to invest in the entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, and cottage industries who make up the backbone of our economy.

On today's episode of Across the States, ALEC's February State Legislator of the Month and Board of Directors member Representative John Wills joins Gretchen Baldau, Director of the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force, and Matt Fisher to discuss his efforts to support small businesses and deliver results for constituents.

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CEO Update: Rich States Poor States and more

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Dear friends,

Understanding what went *wrong* is only half the picture.

During the past two years, states across the U.S. have had varied responses to the pandemic. Not surprisingly, these responses have had a large impact on how those individual states have recovered from the pandemic. Layered on top of this challenge is an Administration that has given the country the highest rate of inflation in 40 years by injecting the economy with vast amounts of federal spending, while limiting product output (consumer goods) due to its disregard of supply chain disruptions and shutting down domestic energy production. No state has been immune to this federal mismanagement.



But in the face of these challenges, states like Utah and South Dakota have found ways to grow their economies and workforces while also drawing in new talent from other parts of the country. The contrast between the two begs the question: what are these states doing differently?

In order to answer that question, we at ALEC believe that finding out what went wrong isn't enough. We have to have an understanding of what went *right*.

ALEC's 15th Edition of [*Rich States Poor States*](#), co-authored by ALEC's Executive Vice President of Policy, Jonathan Williams, Dr. Arthur Laffer and Economist Stephen Moore, evaluates 15 areas of policy that have proven over time to be influential for state competitiveness and growth. In the decade and a half of compiling this report, ALEC has found a common trend that extends through all of them: cutting taxes, paying down debt, and maintaining free market policies helps states prosper and attract new residents.

From tax burdens on income and property to the size of state government and the right to work, *Rich States, Poor States* teaches us that state policies matter. With the right policies

in place, the individual is empowered to thrive and take advantage of opportunities for growth and prosperity—even in the face of a worldwide virus, a war in Eastern Europe and the other challenges facing us today.

We want to extend special congratulations to the state of Utah for taking the number one spot in this year's Economic Outlook Ranking. This year, Utah, North Carolina, Arizona, Oklahoma and Idaho all made the top five category of our evaluation. Not surprisingly, New York, New Jersey, California and Vermont found themselves at the bottom of the ranking.

We want to help you find answers that move your state forward. This past month, we approved two new model policies that will help do exactly that. [One helps state governments protect retirees and taxpayers by safeguarding pensions from politics](#). The other calls on Congress to [extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017](#) and help lock in effective measures put in place that helped spur the economy. These won't be the only model policies ALEC looks at in 2022. We will be reviewing and adopting dozens of additional model policies at our Annual Meeting in Atlanta. [You can register to that event by clicking here](#).

I want to thank you for being a part of ALEC and continuing to work alongside us. Your dedication to the principles of limited government free markets and federalism is a continued reminder of our amazing network. I'm grateful for your participation and support.

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Tomorrow Friday April 28th at 2:30p.m. EST. we will count down the country's best performing states on our 2022 Economic Outlook Ranking found in our 15th Edition of Rich States Poor State. Please join us for this virtual event. In our most recent episode of Across the States, we welcome Harmeet Dhillon, First Amendment attorney and CEO of the Center for American Liberty, to discuss Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter and what to expect from government regulators. There is also a new blog post on how poor policies threaten the products of America's mining industries, and always, we invite you to register for our Annual Meeting which is right on the horizon. For more on all these topics, scroll below!



FRIDAY VIRTUAL EVENT

ACROSS THE STATES

Counting Down the Country's Top States

Virtual Event Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us this [Friday at 2:30pm Eastern](#) as we begin our ALEC Policy Hour countdown series of the top states for [Economic Outlook](#) in the 2022 edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#).

This week, we will be joined by Arizona Senate President and ALEC National Chairwoman Karen Fann and Arizona Senate President Pro Tem and ALEC Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Vince Leach to explain how Arizona was able to move up 10 places in this year's rankings to #3.

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POLICY BLOG POST



A regulatory nightmare and a wave of inflation is set to inflict damage to America's

New Episode of Across the States

Elon Musk's Acquisition of Twitter and Possible Government Responses

The recent acquisition of social media giant Twitter by Elon Musk has sparked vigorous debate.

Harmeet Dhillon, CEO of the Center for American Liberty and long-time civil rights and free speech attorney, and Jonathon Hauenschild, Director of the ALEC Task Force on Communications and Technology Task Force join our most recent episode of Across the States. They discuss what Musk's purchase of Twitter means for social media and what to expect next.

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ANNUAL MEETING



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mining industry. But both of those factors are likely to become worse, impacted by the Administration's recent policy decisions.

To read more about what kinds of decisions are likely to drive up the price of drilling, oil and gas in the near future, click below.

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Events and Education, March 2022

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Events and Education

Keeping you up to date on ideas that inspire change through events that empower action

ALEC recently attended CPAC, connecting with conservative thought-leaders and listening to the concerns of state representatives from all across the country. Our CIED Task Force hosted a webinar for legislative staff on fostering economic growth, and Jonathan Williams gave his perspective on Nebraska's increased state revenue. ALEC will be on the road again shortly, visiting the state of Kansas alongside guest speaker Ned Ryun. For more on all these topics, read below!



ALEC AT CPAC



WEBINAR RECORDING



Members of the ALEC team traveled to CPAC in Florida to meet with attendees, interact with state legislators and keep up to date on the direction of the conservative movement.

While at CPAC, Nino Marchese, the task force director for ALEC's Criminal Justice Task Force, sat down with former New York City police officer Rob O'Donnell to talk about criminal justice reform and law enforcement best practices. Click below to listen!



Thank you to the attendees from all walks of life who met with our team members while at CPAC!

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STATE POLICY



ALEC recently hosted a webinar for legislative and committee staff on how to best encourage entrepreneurial growth in their states. The event, hosted by the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force, can be viewed below!

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Following the release of ALEC's 5th Edition of "Rich States Poor States" (RSPS), state leaders in Utah called the report "monumental," saying it was a valuable indication of state trajectory. Jonathon Hauenschield, ALEC's Director for its Communication and Technology Task Force, comments on a recent court ruling limiting the power of the CDC, and ALEC's policy team went live on Liberty Watch Radio to discuss newly-approved Model Policy. To read more on all these topics, scroll below!



IN THE NEWS



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Kaiser Health News recently published an article on the CDC's rule requiring the use of masks on public transportation. A federal judge in Florida held that the CDC exceeded their rulemaking authority and invalidated the CDC's mask mandate. ALEC's Director for the Communications and Technology Task Force says this decision works in the favor of maintaining a balance of power in matters of public health.

Click below to read the article!

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IN THE NEWS



ALEC recently voted on and approved model policy titled Resolution Urging Congress to Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017



State leaders in Utah described the publication of RSPS as "monumental" and said the report gives them confidence in Utah's growth—even in difficult times.

"With interest rates rising, with inflation on the horizon, this speaks very well for Utah's future. And even with some of those issues, our future is bright," Utah's Senate President Stuart Adams said.

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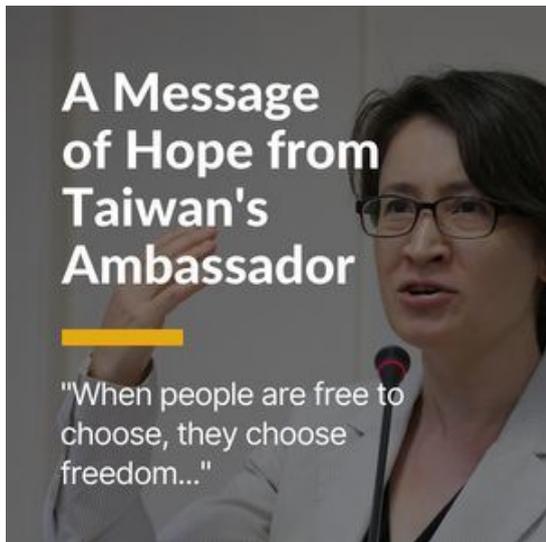
This week, Jonathan Williams went on the air with WBOB Radio and One America News to discuss two sides of the same coin: What makes a good governor and what makes a bad one? Taiwan's Ambassador reaches out with a message of hope, and we are celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting the role models 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



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.

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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.

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IN THE NEWS

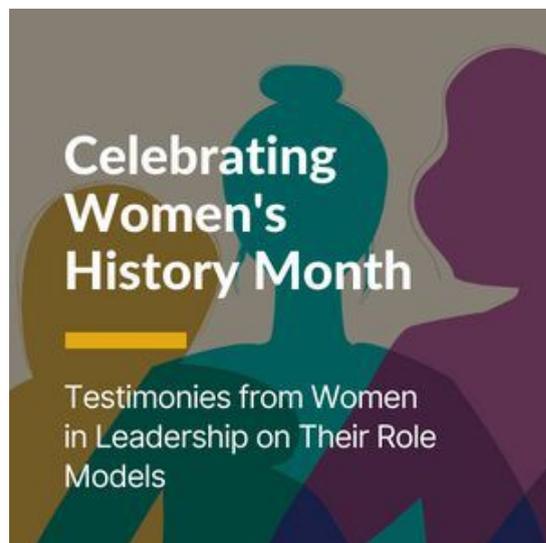


Jonathan Williams went live with One America News earlier this week to discuss what makes a governor underperform as a state's chief executive.

"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



ALEC COMMUNITY



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!

[ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson](#)

having an impact on their economies."

Click below to watch the interview!

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

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

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Events and Education

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There are two upcoming ALEC virtual events this week. First, ALEC's Policy Team is counting down the states on our Economic Outlook Ranking featured in our Rich States Poor States report. Second, there's an ALEC Working Group on cannabis reform. You can sign up for both of those below. ALEC has also released a Health and Human Services blog post on the "right to try," and we invite you to register for our Annual Meeting in Atlanta.



RICH STATES POOR STATES



WORKING GROUP

Counting Down the Country's Top States

Virtual Event Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us this [Friday at 2:30pm Eastern](#) as we begin our ALEC Policy Hour countdown series of the top states for [Economic Outlook](#) in the 2022 edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#).

This week, we will be joined by Arizona Senate President and ALEC National Chairwoman Karen Fann and Arizona Senate President Pro Tem and ALEC Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Vince Leach to explain how Arizona was able to move up 10 places in this year's rankings to #3.

[Click Here](#)



HEALTHCARE

Leading the Nation with the Right to Try

"The right to try to save one's own life is one of the most precious rights of all."

In this recent policy blog post, the Health and Human Services Task force goes over "right to try" policy." More specifically, the post covers Arizona's efforts to allow patients

Upcoming ALEC Cannabis Working Group

A Virtual Working Group Taking Place on Friday, April 29th at 1:00 p.m. EST

The ALEC Cannabis Reform Working Group will be meeting to share and discuss lessons learned as states grapple with shifting cannabis policy this Friday at 1:00 p.m. EST. In order to attend, make sure to register by clicking below!

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MEETING

Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

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

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Attendees will hear insights on some of the nation's most pressing issues—as well as state and local solutions to those issues.

This is a great opportunity to join state

access to cutting-edge medical technology that very well might save lives. To read more about some of the issues at play in this topic, click below to read the article!

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legislators, private businesses, and federal representatives to work together to bring about market-based, limited government solutions to the problems facing our country.

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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



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

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 2:00 p.m. EST for an ALEC Policy Hour focusing on workers' rights and labor reform. Listen in as issue experts from

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

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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 [Cretchen Baldauby](#) [clicking here](#)

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Explore Opportunities at the 49th ALEC Annual Meeting!

As ALEC CEO, Lisa Nelson, recently said—we find ways to increase the effectiveness of state-based solutions; to give local leaders the tools they need to protect and nurture their corner of the world. And the reason for that is simple: we believe that the people who are most suited to solve problems are often the people *closest* to those problems.

Have you registered for the [49th ALEC Annual Meeting](#)? Take this opportunity to explore the ideas that are driving America forward as there is no better place to discover crucial policy solutions than the ALEC Annual Meeting.

Important Dates:

- Early-bird rates end **June 1, 2022**
- Standard rates begin **June 2, 2022**
- On-site rates begin on **June 30, 2022**

[Register Here](#)

Vivek Ramaswamy is a *New York Times* bestselling author and a successful entrepreneur who has founded multiple successful enterprises. A first-generation American, he is the founder and executive chairman of Roivant Sciences, a new type of biopharmaceutical company focused on the application of technology to drug development. He founded Roivant in 2014 and led the largest biotech IPOs of 2015 and 2016, eventually culminating in successful clinical trials in multiple disease areas that led to FDA-approved products.



Join us to interact with leaders like Vivek Ramaswamy and discuss the future of America.

Host Hotel

The 49th ALEC Annual Meeting will take place at The Hilton Atlanta Downtown Hotel. To book a room in the ALEC housing block, please [register for the 49th ALEC Annual Meeting](#). A link to book a hotel room will be included in your registration confirmation email.

Get more out of Annual Meeting

The **Exhibit Hall** at ALEC meetings is a popular networking hub for state legislators and policy experts, making exhibiting an effective medium to get your message out to hundreds of state and local leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to grow your network.

- Contact [Madison Crawley](#) for details on being an Exhibitor.
- Contact [Development](#) for details on Sponsoring the event.

Register Now!



Save the Date!

Save the date for the ALEC 2022

States & Nation Policy Summit this November 20 – December 2 in Washington, DC! ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2022 States & Nation Policy Summit will open in the Summer of 2022.

Questions? Contact the [ALEC Events Team](#)



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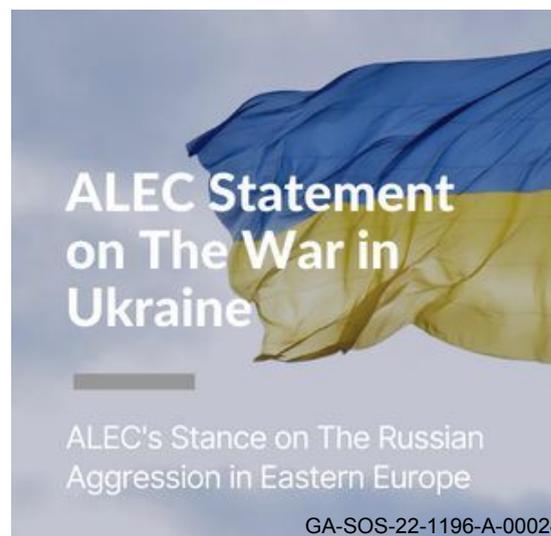
ALEC's Policy Team has published two new blog posts—one on the chilling effect of donor disclosure and the other on the unintended consequences stemming from the 340B Program on prescription drugs. This week ALEC will also be traveling to Virginia to meet with state leadership, and released a statement on the conflict in Ukraine. Read more about these topics below!



ON THE ROAD



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



ALEC's Policy Team will be hosting a reception with NFIB-Virginia, and the Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors to discuss issues impacting Virginia businesses.

Be sure to keep an eye out for similar ALEC events in a state near you.



FREE SPEECH



Donor disclosure places a chilling effect on contributions that might go towards creating legitimate public discourse. Read our post below where we take a closer look at how this situation played out with the Freedom Convoy incident in the past month.

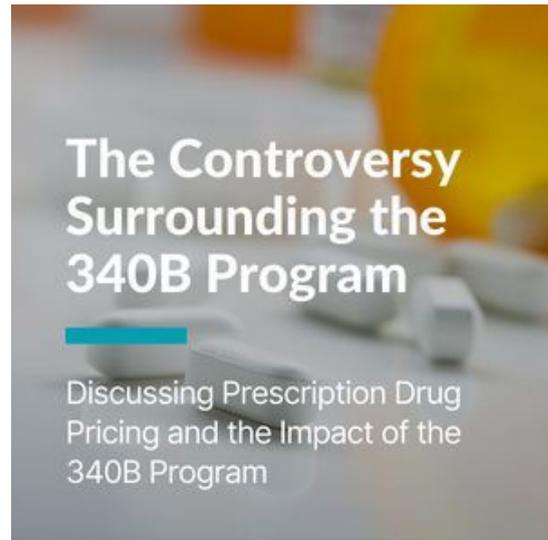
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Read below to learn about ALEC's position on the conflict in Eastern Europe. Here's why we stand opposed to Putin's aggression and his attack on national autonomy.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, participating drug manufacturers agree to provide a discount to eligible hospitals and other "covered entities" who serve low-income individuals not covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Learn more about the unintended consequences section 340B has caused by reading below.

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ALEC's policy team has put out a blog post explaining the teachers' strike in Minneapolis. Our CIED Task Force is preparing for an upcoming webinar on worker rights and labor reform for ALEC members. Registration for our Annual Meeting is now open, and we've brought you a video clip on women's history month featuring Congresswoman Yvette Herrell. For more on all these topics, read below!



POLICY BLOG POST



ALEC WEBINAR



The Minneapolis Teachers Union officially went on strike this Tuesday, plunging the district into an indefinite shutdown and suddenly sending parents scrambling for alternatives. What are the issues at play? What are the teachers' demands? Our Policy Team explains the situation below.

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ALEC ANNUAL MEETING



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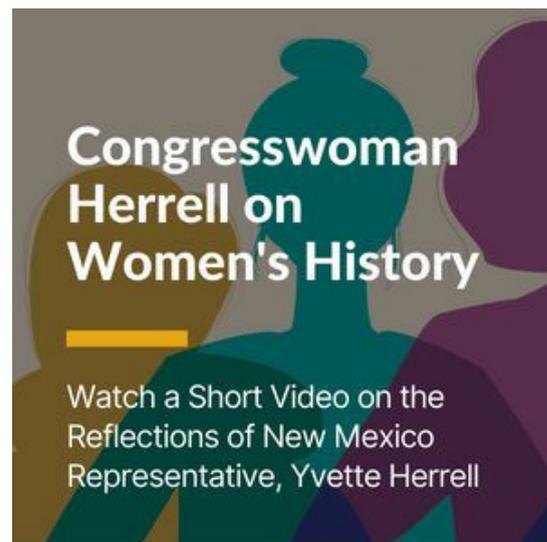
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To watch CIED's last Webinar, click below!

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WOMEN'S HISTORY



“In Women’s History Month, I would like to thank my mom... my sisters, my other relatives. But I also want to thank the women who shaped me into the person I am today—the people like Lisa Nelson, like Clela Mitchell, the women that won their races last year to bring the most women into the U.S. House of Representatives as Republicans.”

Click below to watch the full clip!

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