

Friday, April 5, 2024 at 14:48:42 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (AZ-SEN-24-0194)
Date: Friday, April 5, 2024 at 12:57:24 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Pete Galvan
To: AO Records
Attachments: Results; AO 0194.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Please find attached all nonprivileged records in the Senate's possession responsive to this request.

Pete

Pete Galvan

Arizona State Senate | Associate Rules Attorney
(602) 926-3777 | pgalvan@azleg.gov

From: Pete Galvan
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 2:52 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (AZ-SEN-24-0194)

This request has been received and will be processed. I will reach out with updates/results as they become available.

Pete

Pete Galvan

Arizona State Senate | Associate Rules Attorney
(602) 926-3777 | pgalvan@azleg.gov

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Pete Galvan <pgalvan@azleg.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request (AZ-SEN-24-0194)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Arizona's Public Records Law.

Sincerely,
Dylan Winters
Paralegal | American Oversight

records@americanoversight.org |
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

PRR: AZ-SEN-24-0194

From: [ALEC Meetings](#)
To: [Gina Swoboda](#)
Subject: Registration Confirmed for the ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:44:05 PM



Dear Gina:

Congratulations! Your registration has been confirmed. Thank you for registering to attend the 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit. Please save this email for future reference.

Event: 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit

Date: November 28, 2023 - November 30, 2023

Location: The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa

6902 East Greenway Parkway, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85254, USA

Your registration is confirmed, now what? See below for details on making your hotel reservation.

Hotel reservations at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa may be made, modified or cancelled by using the link below.

Hotel Reservation Link: [The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa](#)

The ALEC group rate is \$244/night and the block will end on November 1, 2023.

Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis until sold out.

Attendees are responsible for booking their own hotel, air travel and ground transportation.

Registration Information

Gina Swoboda
Full Conference Pass

Manage Your Registration

If you would like to review, modify, substitute, or cancel your registration at any time, please use the link and confirmation number below to access your registration details. Registration substitutions will not be allowed once the attendee has checked in to the event.

Registration Type: ALEC/ACCE Government/Legislative Staff

Registration Confirmation Number*: SNNGLD6JC7

Review or modify your registration details: [Click here](#)

**This is to confirm your registration for the event. This is not a hotel reservation. All hotel reservations will be confirmed by the hotel directly.*

Registration Cancellation Policy

Registrations cancelled prior to 11:59 PM EST **November 1, 2023** are subject to a \$100 cancellation fee. **Registrations are non-refundable after 11:59 PM EST November 1, 2023.**

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Please refer to the [ALEC Media Policy](#) or contact [ALEC Public Affairs](#) with additional questions.

Below you will find your registration receipt for the 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit.

Printable Invoice

Order Summary

Gina Swoboda

Order Date

31-Oct-2023 3:43 PM MT

Invoice Number

10312023-2774-2639

Summary

Item	Price	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Full Conference Pass	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$0.00
Subtotal:			\$475.00
Total Amount Paid:			\$475.00
Balance Due:			\$0.00

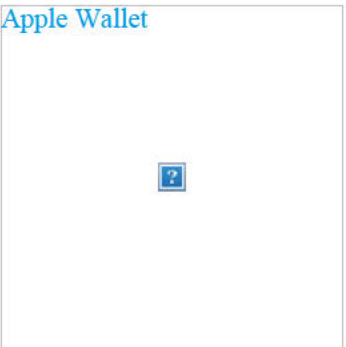
Payment Details:

Date	Type	Reference #	Amt Paid
October 31, 2023		P-2062	\$475.00

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

[Apple Wallet](#)



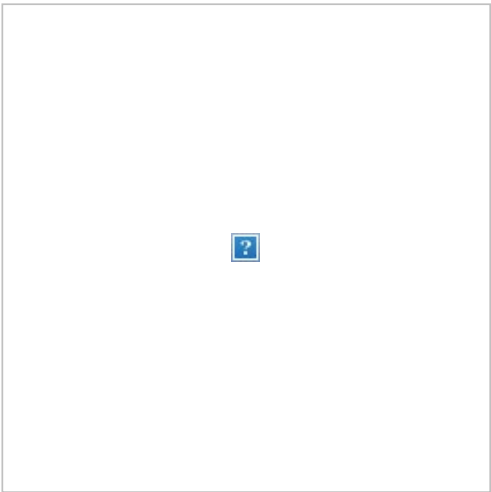
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Sincerely,

The ALEC Meetings Team

meetings@alec.org

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Your payment for the 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit event has been successfully processed. Please save this email for your records.

Transaction Information

Item	Transaction Information	Quantity	Amount
Full Conference Pass	\$475.00	1	\$475.00
Transaction Total			\$475.00

Registration Confirmation Number: SNNGGLD6JC7

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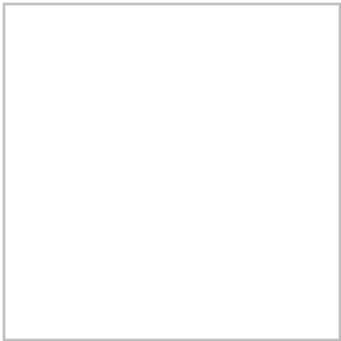
From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: 2 Week Count Down! ☀
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:04:59 PM



Dear Jake,

With just over two weeks until our 50th ALEC Annual Meeting we want to keep you updated on the agenda as it continues to take shape.

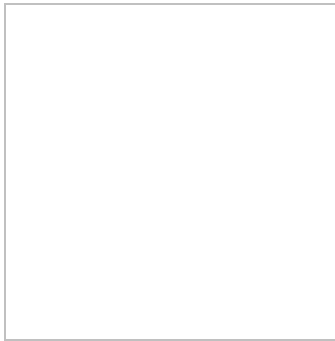
Listed below are a few events that you won't want to miss!



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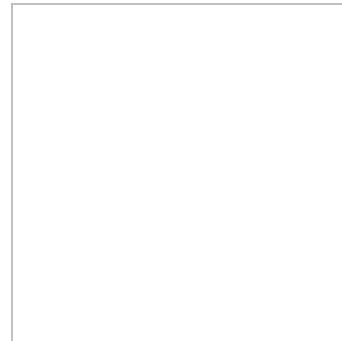
**[Late Night Dessert &
Coffee Reception to
Continue the
Conversation:
Post-Dobbs Impact in
the States to Protect
Life](#)**



July 26

5:30 - 8:00 PM

**Florida Welcome
Reception:
at Universal CityWalk**



July 28

2:00 - 4:00 PM

**ALEC 50th
Anniversary
Party - Families
Invited!**

Meeting Agenda

Timely topics for discussion include:

Making Broadband Investment Count While Protecting Taxpayer Funds

Billions in federal broadband dollars will be disbursed imminently across the states, with each state set to receive at least \$100 million to connect unserved and underserved communities. Explore how you can be a good steward of your state's broadband allocation by employing best practices and guarding against waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer funds.

The Bright Lights of Liberty: The Big State Wins that Make Us More Free and Drive the Left Crazy

The list of challenges is long. The hours are short. And the left

continues its march. But some state leaders have kept the lamp of liberty burning bright. We see it every day. Despite having businesses to run, families to care for, and communities with real needs, state legislators are winning big fights against government overreach, dependency, and wokeness. If you're not feeling the heat from that lamp of liberty yet, join us. Let us share real state-level success stories from this past year and help you build a playbook for 2024 and beyond!

The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation

The question of how to best keep teens safe online has dominated state houses and will likely continue to be a major theme of legislative sessions in 2024. Florida was no different, passing a law that will require all public school students to take classes on social media safety. As lawmakers across the country grapple with such a critical issue, there is a real danger that well-intentioned proposals could erode first amendment rights, establish a co-parenting relationship with the government, and create needless cybersecurity vulnerabilities that leave all internet users worse off. In this workshop, we will explore the dangers teens face online and what lawmakers at the state level can do to protect them when using social media platforms without compromising our core values of personal responsibility, individual freedom, and limited government.

[Register Today](#)

Travel accommodations are made cheaper thanks to our partnership with Southwest Airlines. You can use the steps below to save on airfare!

1. Visit the Southwest Business website [here](#).
2. Enter the ALEC Company ID: **99133580** to qualify for eligible discounted rates.
3. Prior to clicking “Continue”, be sure to click the arrow under the Company ID to enter your Rapid Rewards Account Information.
4. Once you click “Continue”, you will begin making your travel plans.

We hope these amenities and discounts make it easy and enjoyable for you to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting – and equip yourself for success as a policy champion.

Have questions? Contact the ALEC Meetings Team at meetings@alec.org.

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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: 7/6, Latest ALEC News
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:37:09 PM



50th ALEC Annual Meeting: Agenda Spotlight

**Late Night Dessert & Coffee Reception to
Continue the Conversation: *Post-Dobbs*
Impact in the States to Protect Life**

Tuesday, July 25, 2023: 8:00 PM



Susan B. Anthony Pro-life America will discuss the impact of federalism in a post-Dobbs policy environment and state jurisdiction to protect the right to life.

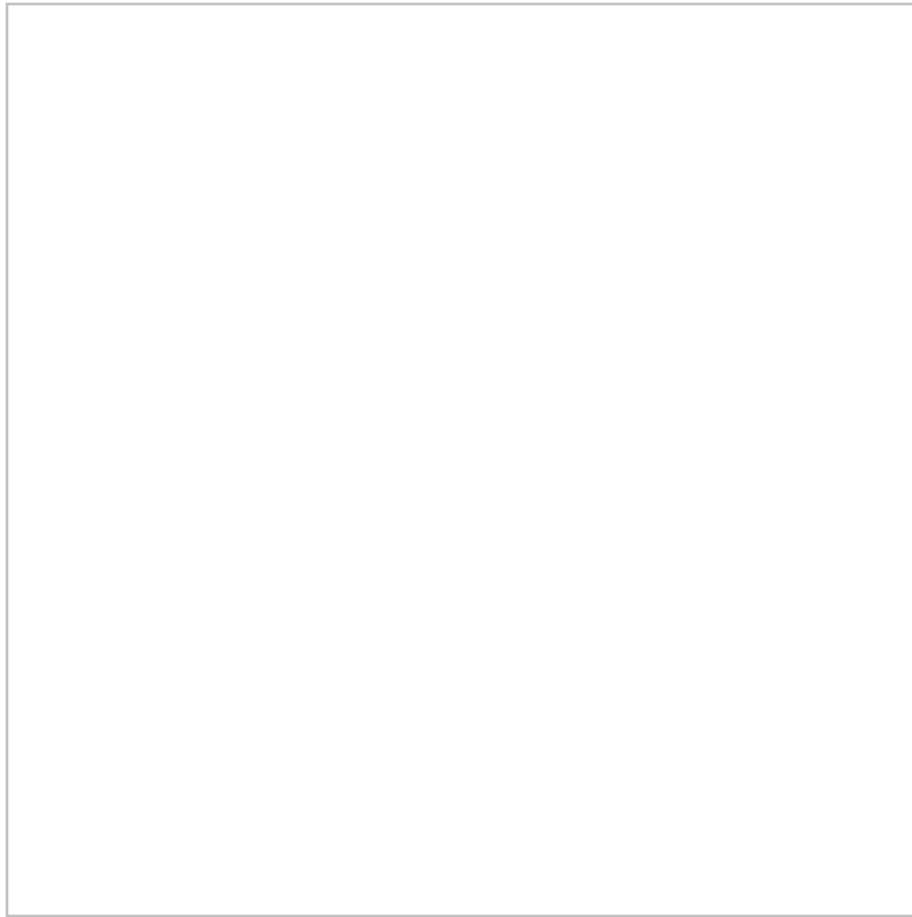
For questions please reach out to Megan Snitchler at Msnitchler@alec.org

Rural Caucus Meeting

Rural areas are a valuable and necessary part of every state. Legislators, county officials, mayors and other elected leaders will engage in practical discussions on how to help their communities. Creating economic opportunity through connectivity, as well as other major issues affecting rural communities, will be covered during this session.

Annual Meeting Agenda

State Legislators of the Month



State Legislators of the Month, June 2023: Arkansas Representative Mindy McAlindon and Senator Joshua Bryant

This month we acknowledge the remarkable work of two legislators who collaborated to make a substantial impact in Arkansas. The legislators who we want to recognize are Representative Mindy McAlindon and Senator Joshua Bryant. [Read more.](#)

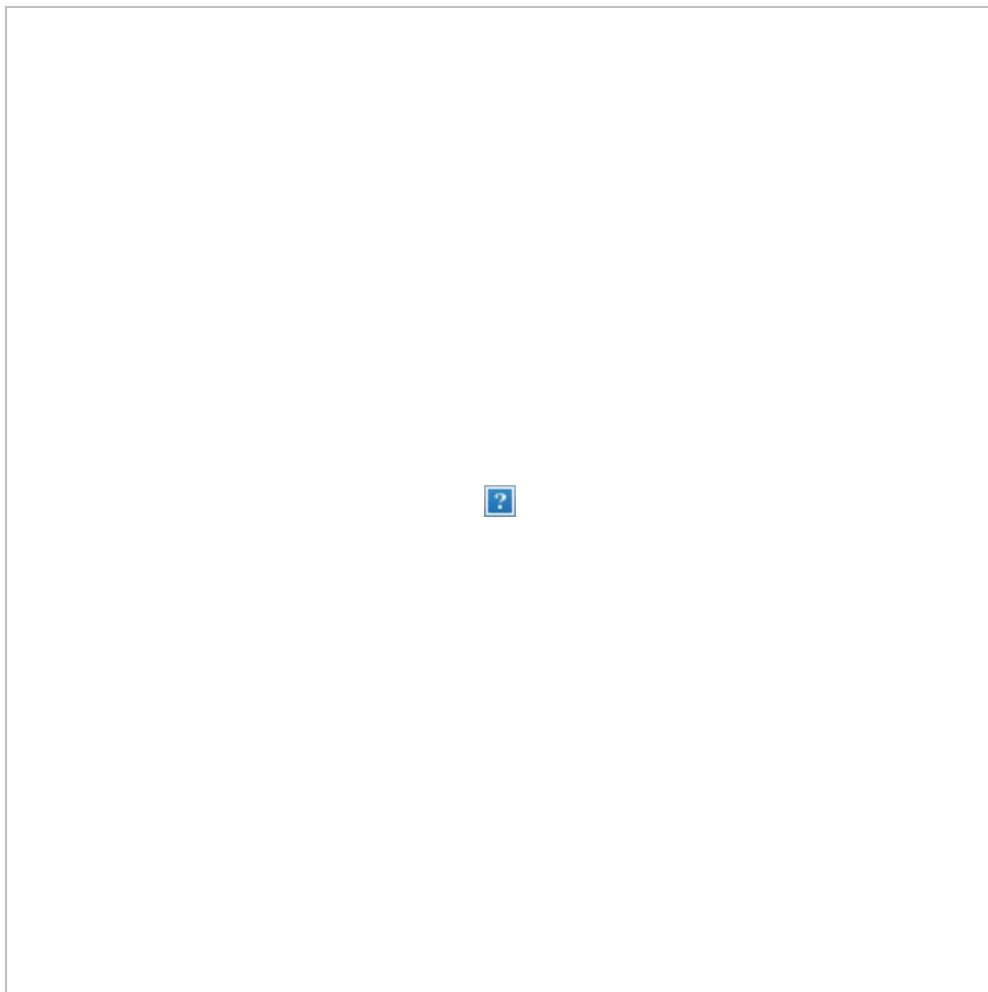
ALEC In The States: Judiciary Policy Academy

Last week, our Criminal Justice and Civil Justice Task Forces hosted the second annual Judiciary Academy in Oklahoma City. We were joined by 16 legislators from eight different states, an Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice, and several expert speakers in the criminal justice and civil justice policy arenas. Academy attendees discussed and learned about fines & fees reform perspectives from the bench, housing access for

those with a criminal record, administrative agency abuses, reentry efforts and community supervision best practices, judicial nomination & selection, and the tort reform success of [Florida's HB 837](#). We want to thank two of our ALEC board members who also serve as the Criminal Justice and Civil Justice Task Force chairs, Kentucky Representative Kim Moser and Oklahoma Senator Julie Daniels, respectively, for their leadership and contributions to another successful ALEC legislator academy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the upcoming ALEC Policy Academies.

50th Annual Meeting Video: ALEC's Guiding Principle of Federalism

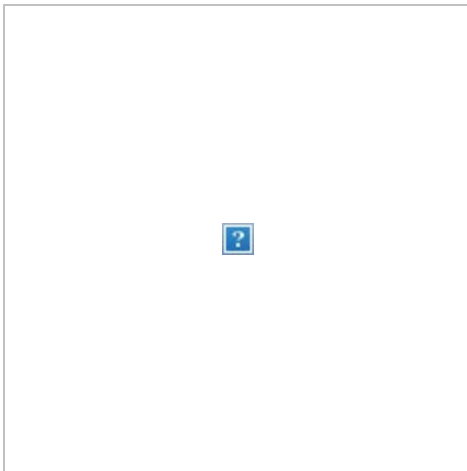


[ALEC's Guiding Principle of Federalism: A Uniquely American](#)

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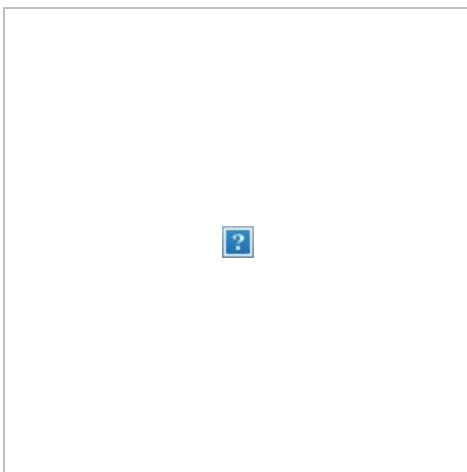
This week, ALEC debut the fifth episode in its 50th anniversary video series, “Federalism,” featuring ALEC National Chair for 2023, Florida Representative Daniel Perez; ALEC National Chair for 2022, former Arizona Senate President Karen Fann; ALEC National Chair for 2014 and founder of the ALEC Center to Restore the Balance of Government, former Iowa Speaker of the House Linda Upmeyer; ALEC Chair of the Center to Restore the Balance of Government, Utah Representative Ken Ivory; and ALEC Board of Scholars member Rob Natelson. [**Read more.**](#)

ALEC Commentary



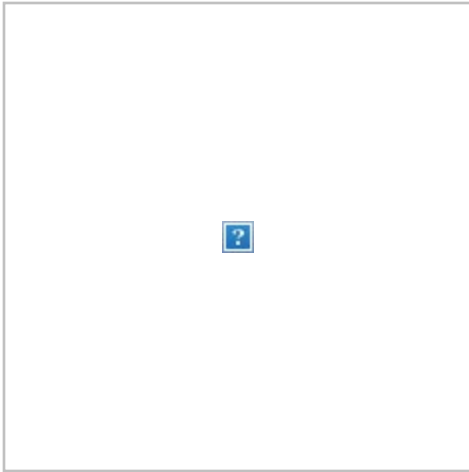
Supreme Court Overturns President Biden's Student Loan Handout

In a 6-3 opinion released Friday, the Supreme Court struck down President Biden's plan to arbitrarily eliminate up to \$20,000 worth of student loan debt for eligible borrowers. [**Read more.**](#)



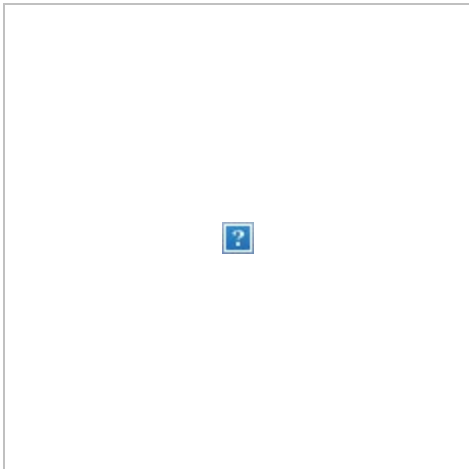
States Can Bolster Innovation by Removing Regulatory Barriers to Entrepreneurship

Innovation and entrepreneurship are two fundamental drivers of America's success as the number one economic engine in the world. However, even in our nation's top economic hubs, new startups continue to face serious challenges in today's economic environment. [**Read more.**](#)



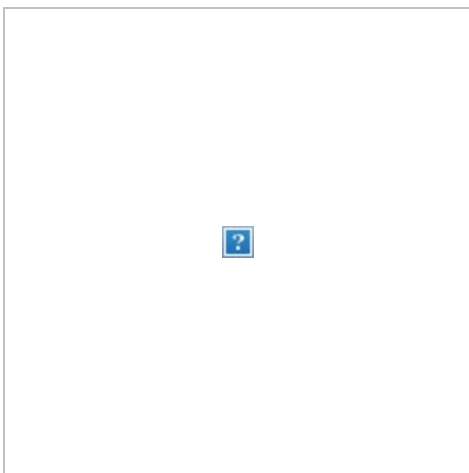
**Where Tax Cuts Are Hot:
Jonathan Williams in The National
Review**

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, was featured in National Review highlighting the importance of tax cuts across the states to promote economic growth agendas. [**Read more.**](#)



**As Federal Windfall Flows to the
States, Lawmakers Must Be Good
Stewards of Broadband Funds**

This June, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a long-awaited announcement that will have significant consequences on the future of U.S. telecommunications. [**Read more.**](#)



**Bidenomics: Big Government,
Industrial Policy and Centralized
Control: Jonathan Williams in The
Epoch Times**

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, was featured in The Epoch Times vocalizing criticisms of the Biden Administration's economic agenda through increased government spending and rapid expansion of federal power at the expense of state government. [**Read more.**](#)



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From: [Karla Jones](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: 30 Day Draft Model Policy and Agenda for 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit
Date: Monday, October 30, 2023 5:27:02 PM



Dear Jake,

We are just 30 days away from the [2023 States & Nation Policy Summit](#) in Scottsdale, Arizona!

ALEC has received dozens of model policies for consideration at the 2023 Summit, and our joint FIR/Homeland Security task force meeting will include consideration of model policies related to Article V – the 34-state threshold may have been reached in 1979, school safety and public utility security. We may have updates to our recently adopted model policy to support Israel as well. Presentations include a Scottish MP on British

devolution as a path to federalism; an organization seeking to grow the ranks of conservatives at all levels of government; fentanyl and the PRC as dual but related challenges; and Liborland, a new nation on the international scene. The draft model policies and important task force deadlines are below.

You can view the draft model policies for the Federalism and International Relations Task Force that are up for discussion at the Summit [here](#).

All draft model policies being considered across all task forces are available [here](#).

Register Now



Upcoming Deadlines

- **November 1:** Early Bird Registration deadline
- **November 10:** Registration deadline to participate in the virtual subcommittee meetings
- **UPDATED DATE & TIME - November 15:** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM EDT Joint Federalism and International Relations and Homeland Security Subcommittee (Virtual)*
- **November 18:** Member deadline to select task force assignments
- **November 29:** 1:45 - 4:45 PM Federalism and International Relations Task Force Meeting at the 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit

*Reminder, all subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from November 15 to November 20. Be sure to register by November 10 to receive details on joining the meetings.

Summit Agenda

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I hope to see you in Scottsdale!

Best,



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To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
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Date: Monday, October 30, 2023 5:14:02 PM



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To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: 50 years of trusted policy solutions
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:30:13 AM

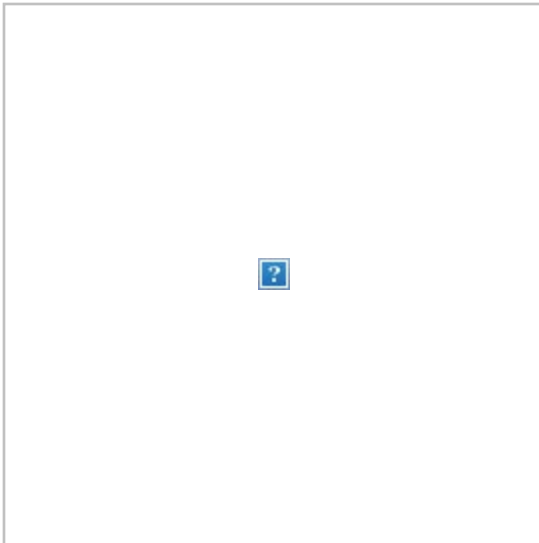


NEW: Essential Policy Solutions for 2023

For 50 years, ALEC has been at the forefront of producing trusted policy solutions. 2023 is no different! The ALEC policy team has analyzed and compiled the best free market ideas of 2023 in this new ALEC publication. [Read more.](#)

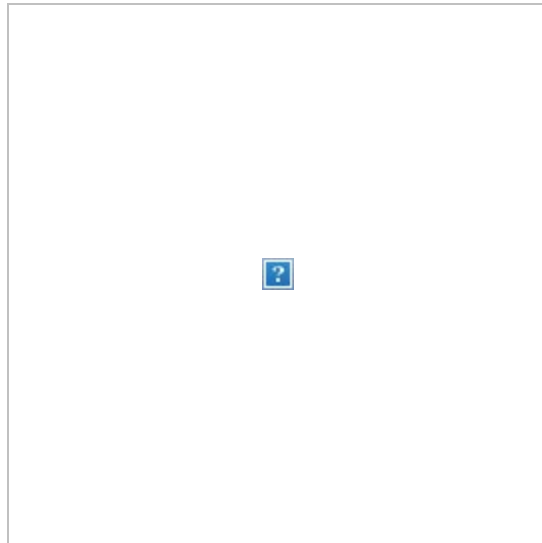


ALEC Commentary



Better Police Training Could Have Prevented the Tragedy in Memphis

The five Memphis police officers involved in the beating of Tyre Nichols have been fired and charged with various felonies, following Mr. Nichols' death on January 10th. Could better police training have helped prevent this tragedy? [Read more.](#)



Let's Bring Greater Transparency to Property Taxes

ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams was recently featured on WMT Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa talking about the need for greater transparency in property taxes. [Read more.](#)

[State Lawmakers Must Proceed Cautiously in Regulating Artificial Intelligence: Jake Morabito on NTD News](#)



Upcoming ALEC Webinars

Thursday, March 9 at 02:00 PM EST

Cannabis Working Group Virtual Meeting

The Cannabis Working Group hosts discussions with leading policy experts on how tax structures, criminal justice systems, commerce and economic development, healthcare and the medical industry, and our nation's agriculture and environment are all affected by the shifting policy landscape across the states.

[Register Now](#)

Thursday, March 16 at 2:00 PM EST

Traditional vs. Deregulated Electric Markets – A Primer

On March 16th, ALEC will be hosting a webinar on the differences between traditional electric markets and deregulated electric markets. This discussion will provide an opportunity for attendees to understand how each market structure impacts electric rates, reliability, and ultimately customers. Please join us for a discussion on this critically important topic that is being debated in several states across the country.

[Register Now](#)

Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 PM EST

CIED Housing and Land Use Working Group

Join the CIED Task Force's Housing and Land Use Working Group for an open discussion about reforms to increase the affordable housing supply in the states. Guest speakers will address reforms including rent control litigation, eliminating parking minimums, and housing vouchers.

[Register Now](#)

ALEC in the States



Last week, ALEC and Americans for Prosperity Foundation partnered in Nashville, TN to connect with legislators and discuss how Tennessee can approach the issue of violent crime in a meaningful and effective way.

Members came and went between committee hearings to learn about crime rates and trends and had engaging, discussions on how they can best utilize the resources of their state and local communities to target violent crime more effectively, while supporting and building relationships with local communities to make them safer.

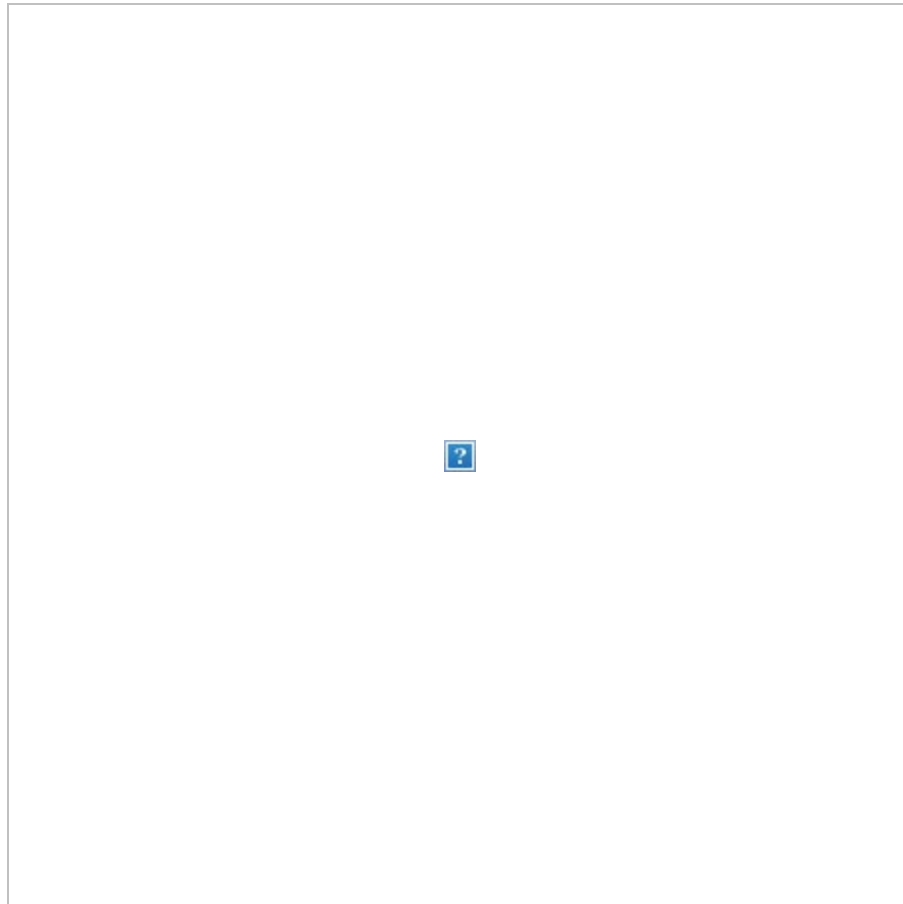
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From: [This Week at ALEC](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: 50th ALEC Annual Meeting Agenda Spotlight and More!
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023 11:21:18 AM



Breaking News!



The Supreme Court issued an opinion today in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. Harvard* and *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. University of North Carolina*, holding that race-based admissions procedures among institutions of higher education violates the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause.

[Read More](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting: Agenda Spotlight

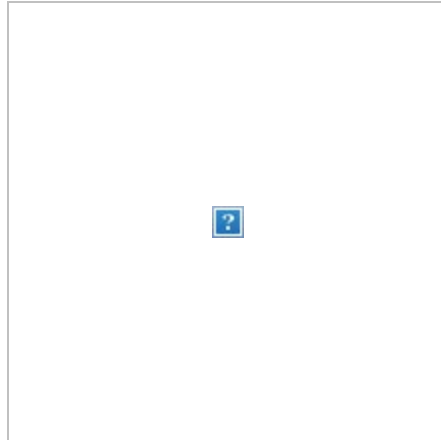
We're one month away from our 50th ALEC Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL from July 26-28. As our agenda continues to take shape, we thought we would share a few of the exciting events that will be taking place:

Mental Health Working Group

The Mental Health Working Group will look at issues related to mental

health, the criminal justice system, and how the two often intersect. The purpose of the working group is to consider policy solutions to better address mental health issues among the public and provide law enforcement and the justice system at large with the needed tools to handle mental illness and public safety.

ALEC Draffhouse



Join ALEC at the Annual Meeting on the evening of Thursday, July 29th for a screening of La Lucha: Getting School in America. This award-winning film follows five at-risk teens fighting their societal obstacles and a broken education system to graduate high school and rise above their fate.

Agenda

Our legislative- members submitted draft model policies that are up for discussion have been posted to our website.

You can view all draft model policies being considered at the meeting [here](#).

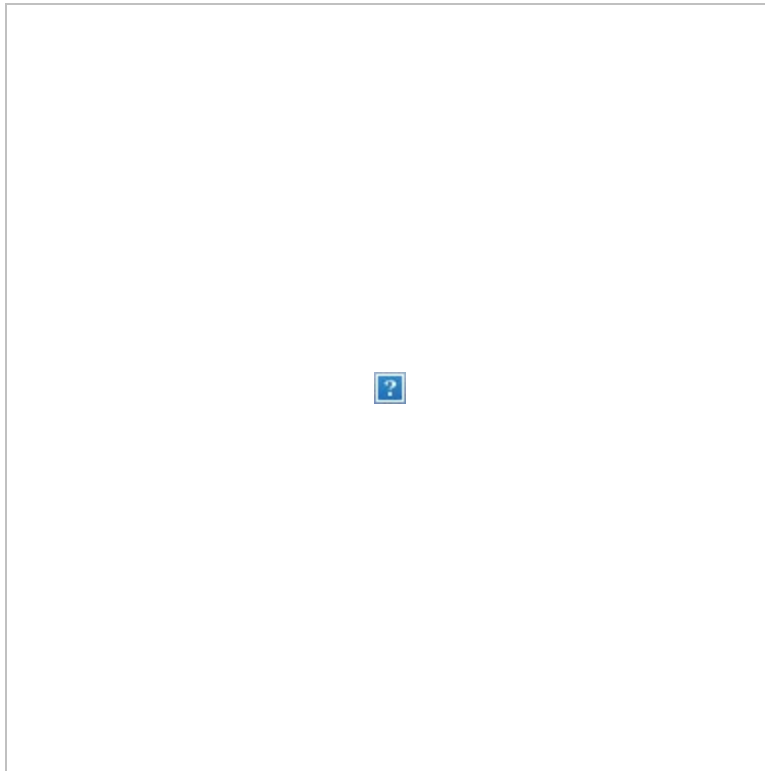
ALEC In The States

The 2023 ALEC policy academies are well underway, with events already taking place in New York, Virginia, Oklahoma, with 12 additional academies planned for 2023.

Last week, legislators from the Blue Ridge region gathered at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia for ALEC's 2nd Regional Tax and

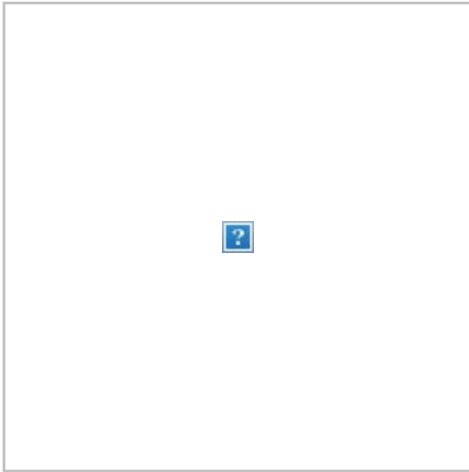
Economic Policy Academy of 2023. We were joined by policy experts from around the country to discuss issues like protecting pensions from politicized investment strategies, how strong fiscal rules can slow the growth of state spending, and why Truth-in-Taxation can protect taxpayers from skyrocketing property taxes.

If you are interested in attending of our upcoming 2032 ALEC Academies, please submit your information [here](#).



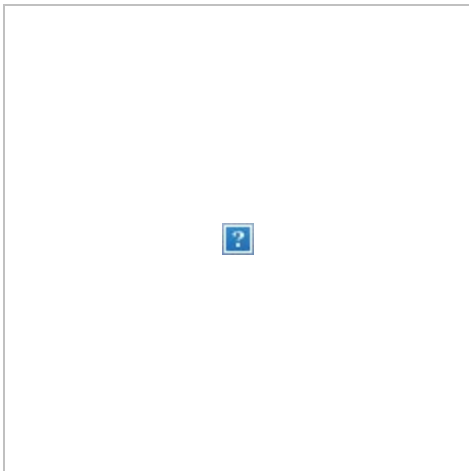
Members of the ALEC Policy & Membership Teams visited Dover, DE last week as the legislature entered their final days of this year's legislative session. Joe Trotter (Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Director), Andrew Handel (Education & Workforce Development Task Force Director) and Karla Jones (International Relations & Federalism, Homeland Security Task Force Senior Director) all presented at a monthly coalition meeting of free market organizations. Later in the afternoon, the team met with Senate Minority Leader Gerald Hocker and Senate Minority Whip and ALEC State Chair, Brian Pettyjohn to share research and present on related policy trends from other states. The team wrapped up the day with some informal drop-in meetings with members of the House of Representatives and observed the house session from the upper gallery.

ALEC Commentary



Yass Prize Winners to be Showcased at ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting

ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL is just a month away, and we are excited to feature past winners of the Yass Prize – an award created by Jeff and Janine Yass to honor innovative education providers for providing sustainable, transformational, outstanding, and permissionless education. [**Read more.**](#)



Economic Insights for Nebraska: Jonathan Williams on Platte Institute's Nebraskanomics Podcast

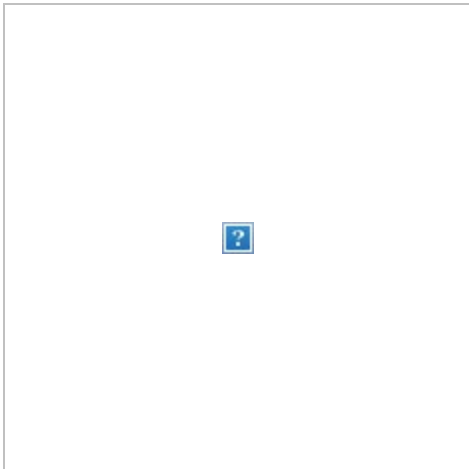
Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and Vice President of Policy, spoke with Platte Institute CEO Jim Vokal about Nebraska's economic outlook, their tax policies, and its impact on economic competitiveness based on the 16th edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [**Read more.**](#)

Millions of U.S. Jobs Are at Risk From Climate Policy: Joe Trotter in Delaware Valley Journal

Joe Trotter, ALEC Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Director, was featured in the



Delaware Valley Journal discussing the harmful impact on the job market with millions of jobs at risk from current climate policy initiatives. [Read more.](#)



AI is Used Widely, but Lawmakers Have Set Few Rules: Jake Morabito in Stateline

Jake Morabito, ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director, was featured in Stateline, highlighting actions taken in states such as Connecticut in setting up safeguards with the increased use of artificial intelligence. [Read more.](#)

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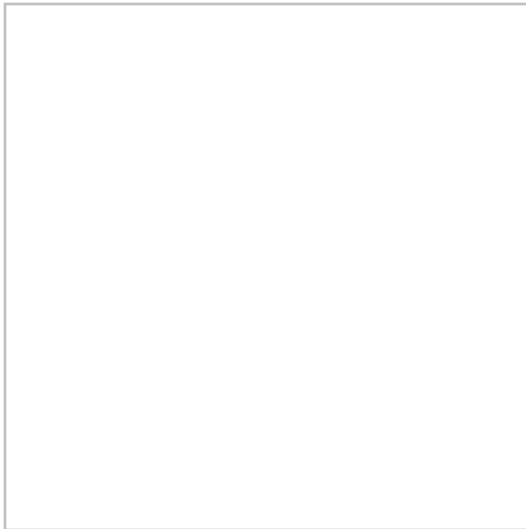


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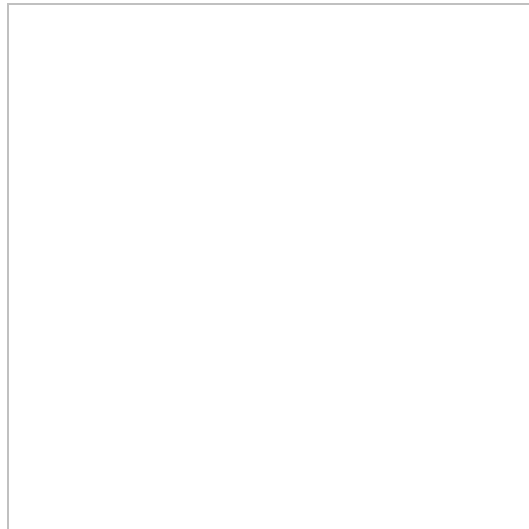
Brian Wesbury, Chief Economist at First Trust Portfolios LP, Michael Austin, Fellow, SFOF Center for Economic Freedom and Todd Russ, Oklahoma State Treasurer along with Jonathan Williams ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist after their panel at the State Financial Officers Foundation meeting this week.

ALEC Commentary



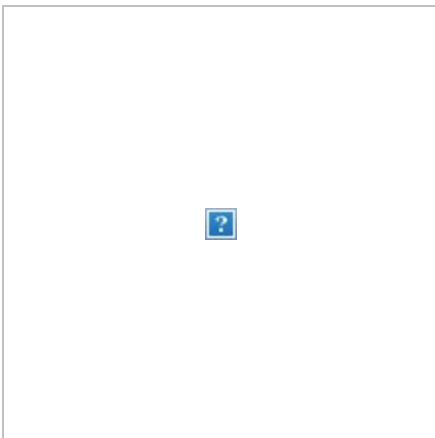
Why Pennsylvania Finished 35th Overall in Rich States, Poor States: Jonathan Williams on Lincoln Radio Journal

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke with Lowman Henry of the Lincoln Radio Journal about Pennsylvania's rankings in the latest edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Listen now.](#)



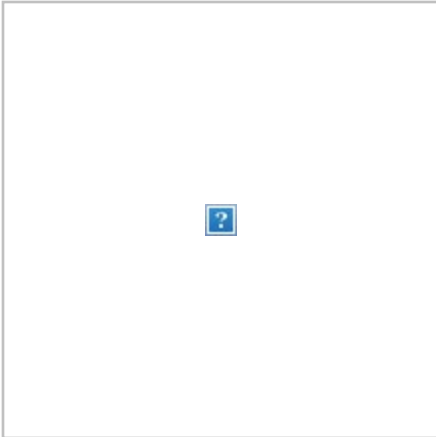
Red States Versus Blue States: Jonathan Williams on The Lars Larson Show

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke with Lars Larson about the latest edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index and how state policies can impact economic opportunity and personal freedom. [Listen now.](#)



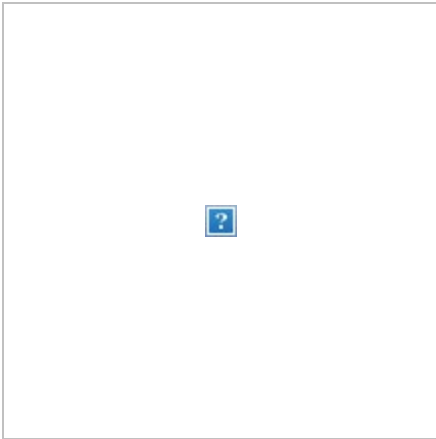
Mississippi Improves 5 Spots in New Rich States, Poor States: Jonathan Williams in Magnolia Tribune

ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams was featured alongside economists Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore in a Magnolia Tribune article highlighting Mississippi's jump to 22nd place in the latest edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Read more.](#)



For the 16th Time, Utah's Economic Outlook Tops the Nation: Jonathan Williams and Stuart Adams in the Deseret News

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, co-authored a guest column in the Deseret News with Utah Senate President Stuart Adams celebrating Utah's #1 ranking in The 16th edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Read more.](#)



Utah Re-Named State With Best Economic Outlook: Jonathan Williams On KSL Tonight

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke with hosts Leah Murray and Greg Skordas of Utah's KSL Tonight about the success of Utah being named the state with the best economic outlook for the 16th year in a row by Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Read more.](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting



Join us July 26-28, 2023, in Orlando, Florida for ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting.

[Register now](#) to take advantage of discounted registration rates. Early Bird Registration rates end May 31st.

Legislative members receive \$200 off the standard Annual Meeting registration rate.

Register Now

We will kick off the fun on Wednesday, July 26th with a Welcome Reception at Universal CityWalk. Plan to dress "theme-park casual" and bring the kids! You will be able to purchase discounted tickets to the park, so you can take in everything Universal has to offer. An email with additional information will be coming soon!

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ALEC Webinar

Exploring ALEC's New 50-State Guide to Education Freedom

TOMORROW, October 6th at 2:00 PM EST

You are invited to join us for a special webinar tomorrow afternoon that will introduce ALEC's brand new publication, the Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment. We are excited to be

joined by a number of special guests including ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson, Economist Stephen Moore, West Virginia State Senator Patricia Rucker, and more.

[Click here](#) to view the publication and see where your state ranks.

Register Now

ALEC Celebrates 50 Years

ALEC Policy Day

Our 50th anniversary celebration began with ALEC Policy Day on Capitol Hill, hosted by U.S. Senator Mike Braun of Indiana. Throughout the morning, our panel discussions centered on what Washington can learn from the states – from education freedom and pushing back against ESG to AI innovation and the state tax cut revolution. We were privileged to be joined by state leaders who were just named to our 50 Under 50 list of up-and-coming legislators.





ALEC's 50th Anniversary Gala

Throughout our history, ALEC has stood as a beacon of conservative principles. A driving force for creative, innovative, and trusted policy solutions. It is a journey that began half a century ago, when a visionary group of leaders came together to champion the cause of limited government, free markets, and federalism.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the National Portrait Gallery to celebrate ALEC's 50 Years of Trusted Policy Solutions, and to our speakers who emphasized the importance of ALEC's Core values: Limited Government, Free Markets, and Federalism.

Please tag **@ALEC_States** in your photos on social media using the ALEC 50th Anniversary hashtags **#ALEC50** and **#ALECideas**

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To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
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Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 8:05:16 AM



Dear Jake,

Breaking news! The ALEC Board of Directors has approved **[over 20 new model policies](#)** from last month's 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. I want to thank Public Sector Chair Senator Eric Koch, Private Sector Chair Sal Nuzzo, and all members of the Communications and Technology (CAT) Task Force for your contributions and insights to make this year's Annual Meeting a great success.

Keep an eye out for task force news on **[ALEC.org](#)**, including a detailed recap of the 5 new CAT model policies joining the ALEC library:

- [The Teen Social Media and Internet Safety Act](#)
- [Resolution in Support of Free Market Solutions and Enforcement of Existing Regulations for Uses of Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [Reject CBDCs and Protect Financial Privacy Act](#)
- [Amendments to the Fantasy Sports Contests Act](#)
- [Amendments to the Neutrality and Integrity in Software Procurement Act](#)

Finally, don't forget to sign into your [**ALEC Connect**](#) account to receive these up-to-the-minute alerts and reminders straight to your inbox.

Register Today: ALEC Emerging Technology Academy October 25-27 | Silicon Valley, CA

Are you a legislative leader thinking about how emerging technology issues impact your home states and constituents? Are you interested in learning more about the pressing tech and telecommunications issues facing states in the upcoming 2024 sessions? Join ALEC in Silicon Valley this October for our annual Emerging Technology Academy, a policy deep-dive on topics like artificial intelligence, child online safety, data privacy, smart cities, broadband expansion, and much more.

[**Click here**](#) or email Jake Morabito ([**jmorabito@alec.org**](mailto:jmorabito@alec.org)) for more information.

Sponsorship opportunities are available

More Upcoming Events

Building on the strong momentum from Annual Meeting, please mark your calendars for these additional upcoming ALEC events later this year:

October 4: 50th ALEC Anniversary Gala | Washington, DC

- Celebrate 50 years of ALEC's state-based policy achievements in the tradition of limited government, free markets, and federalism.
- [**Learn more and reserve your seat today.**](#)

November 28-30: 2023 ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit | Scottsdale, Arizona

- ALEC heads back to Arizona for our annual winter conference: The 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit!
- **The 45-day deadline to submit draft model policy to be considered at SNPS is Sunday, October 15.**
- Stay tuned to http://go.pardot.com/e/567012/meetings-/hm9x7b/1216926042?h=FCst_Zkqlh9MC3ShMGZ3uMVvU4DXynnk-cgh5Di1XZI for registration and agenda details.

I hope to see you again soon at an ALEC event near you, and please don't hesitate to reach out if our network of policy experts can be of assistance in your work.

All the best,



**Join Me on September 20-21 at the James Madison
Institute's 2023 Tech and Innovation Summit**

Next month, I'll be speaking at JMI's Tech & Innovation Summit and hope to see you there. [You can register for their event here.](#)

If one thing is certain about what we've learned over the past 10 years, it's that we will have more to learn over the next 10. The implications of technology policy and how we cultivate innovation at the state level is not just a Florida challenge, it is an every state challenge. We've come a long way, but there is still growth ahead of us. We have to be prepared for success or prepare to be left behind.

In an interconnected world where nanoseconds matter, we need stakeholders, business leaders, tech experts, and policymakers to ensure states take the right approach – whether it is combatting threats to IP from rogue states, protecting children from predators, or preparing for the workforce needs of the future.

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Dear Jake,

We're just three short months away from ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting taking place in Orlando, Florida. For registration information and to take a sneak peek at the program agenda, [visit our website](#) to start planning your trip today.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit model policies is fast approaching. You will soon be able to submit your model policy online at [ALEC Connect](#), and you can currently email it directly to me. We are hosting a webinar mid-May to review the online model policy submission process. Stay tuned for more information!

Please note, model policies must be submitted **no later than June 9** to be included in the 2023 ALEC Annual Meeting agenda.

Have an idea for a topic we should discuss at our Communications and Technology Task Force Meeting? Email me at JMorabito@alec.org to share your thoughts ahead of the conference.

Incase you missed it, please check out the latest video for our 50th anniversary series [here](#).

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Orlando very soon!

All the best,





As a member, you have access to our members only platform, ALEC Connect. This platform is a place where you can share ideas and success in your state!

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- View and update your membership and contact information
- Submit reimbursement requests
- Submit Model Policy Requests (**Coming Soon!**)
- View ALEC's Calendar and register for upcoming meetings
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- Collaborate confidently

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CAT Task Force Silicon Valley Academy – Sponsorship opportunities are available

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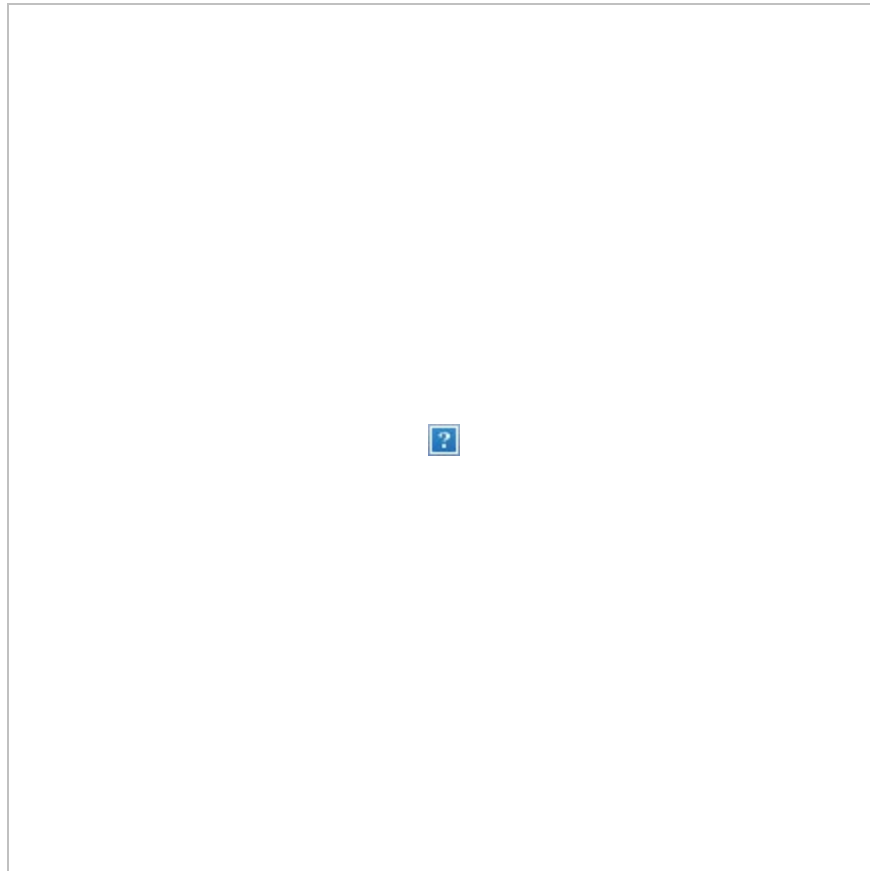
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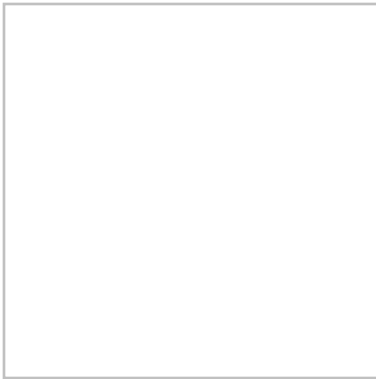
[ALEC: What's Next for TikTok in the U.S.: A Look at the State and Federal Policy Landscape.](#)

Many U.S. officials are concerned about TikTok's potential threat to national security. ALEC's new resource breaks down which states have taken steps to restrict TikTok—and in some cases, additional apps and technology vendors.



[Tech Innovations Get Tryout in Regulatory Sandboxes: Jake Morabito in GCN](#)

ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jake Morabito tells Government Computer News (GCN) that states experimenting with regulatory sandboxes (one of ALEC's



Essential Policy Solutions for 2023)
allow businesses to innovate without the
burden of excessive regulations.



**ICYMI: ALEC Launches the 16th
Edition of Rich States, Poor States.
[How Does Your State Rank?](#)**

Just in time for Tax Day, ALEC recently
published the latest edition of [Rich
States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer
State Economic Competitiveness
Index](#), which measures each state's
forward-looking economic outlook and
past economic performance using 15
key economic policy variables.

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Dear Jake,

I want to thank you all for participating in the Communications and Technology Task Force's virtual subcommittee meeting earlier this week. We heard insightful conversations from task force members and guest presenters on broadband, artificial intelligence, data privacy, and more that offered an example of what to expect at next Friday's meeting. If you aren't registered yet, make your arrangements today!

[Register Now](#)

I also recommend you sign into [ALEC Connect](#) for updates from me

on the model legislation being considered and to connect with your fellow task force members. If you need help resetting your password or finding the Communications and Technology Task Force group, send me an email at jmorabito@alec.org and I can walk you through the steps.

In addition to our task force meeting on **Friday, July 28 at 9:15 AM**, I hope you will join us for these exciting tech and telecom programs at this year's ALEC Annual Meeting:

- **Making Broadband Investment Count While Protecting Taxpayer Funds.** Wednesday, July 26 from 1:45-2:45 PM.
- **The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation.** Wednesday, July 26 from 3:00-4:00 PM.
- **Innovation Roundtable.** Thursday, July 27 from 9:15-10:15 AM.
- **AI: The Role for Government and Impacts on Jobs, Elections, and Information.** Thursday, July 27 from 10:30-11:30

All the best,

Communications and Technology Task Force Policy News

[The European Union regulates while America innovates](#)

In my latest op-ed for *The Orange County Register*, I explain how the EU's new round of stifling tech regulations—including the Digital Markets Act and the Artificial Intelligence Act—harms consumers and why these laws should not be replicated here in the U.S.

[As Federal Windfall Flows to the States, Lawmakers Must Be Good Stewards of Broadband Funds](#)

NTIA recently announced the exact amount of BEAD funding allocated to each state. With such an enormous sum of taxpayer dollars on the line, there is tremendous risk for waste, fraud, and abuse in the

system should the government fund duplicative, underperforming projects like GONs.

[How Quickly Will AI Technology Advance? Jake Morabito on The Voice of Reason Show](#)

I recently spoke with Andy Hooser on “The Voice of Reason” to discuss the latest government attempts to regulate Artificial Intelligence. How quickly will this technology advance? What state and federal government regulations have been proposed?

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Dear Jake,

Legislative sessions may be wrapping up in over half the states, but many of the lightning-rod tech and telecom debates are just heating up as we head into this summer's ALEC 50th Annual Meeting—only two months away!

Artificial intelligence continues to command headlines in the aftermath of a high-profile U.S. Senate hearing featuring OpenAI CEO Sam Altman. U.S. House Members similarly examined generative AI's impact on technology and copyright law at a recent Judiciary Committee hearing. Legislative scrutiny of large language models and AI systems will only intensify going forward as other jurisdictions like

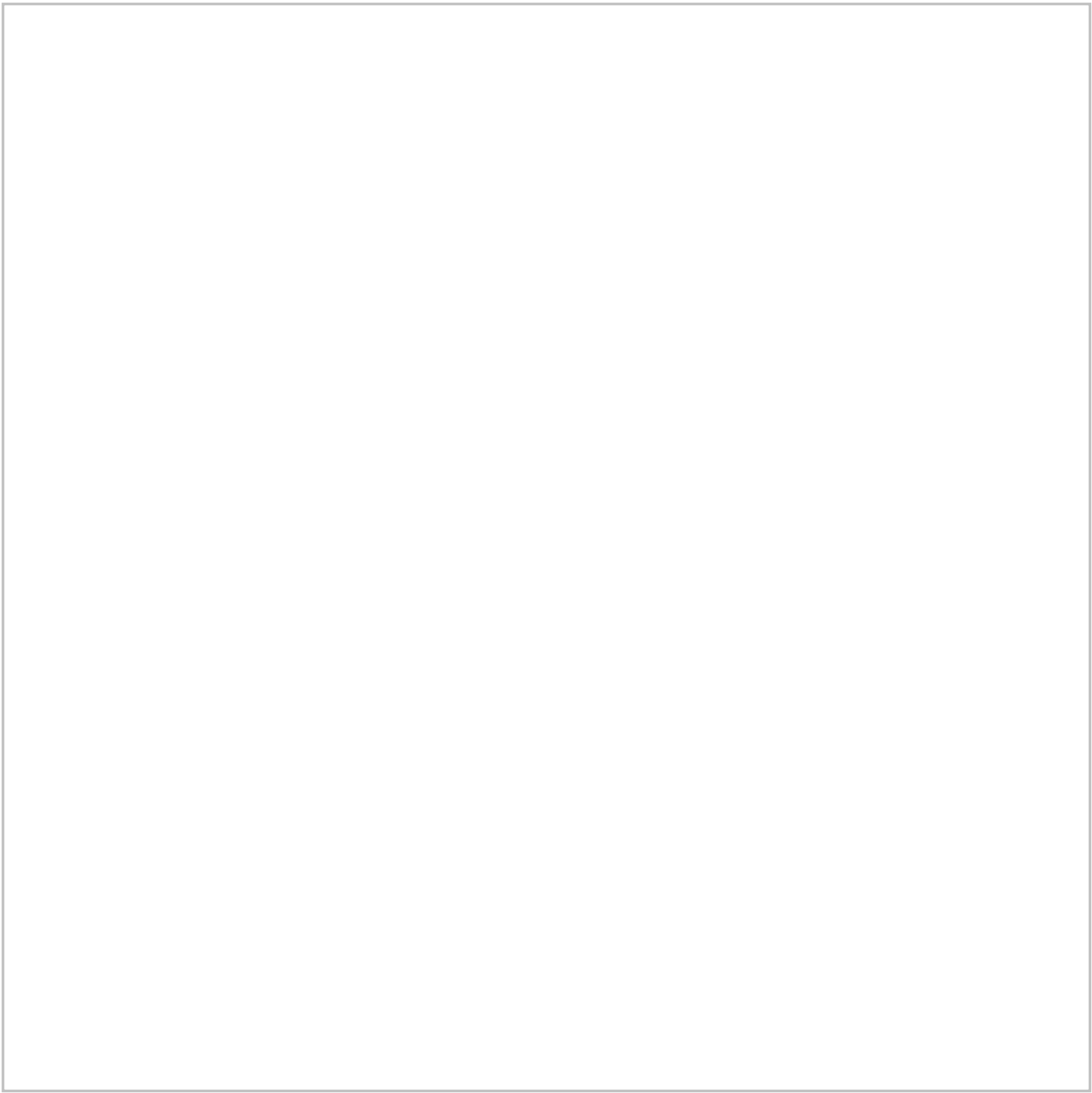
the European Union consider their own AI regulations that often miss the mark.

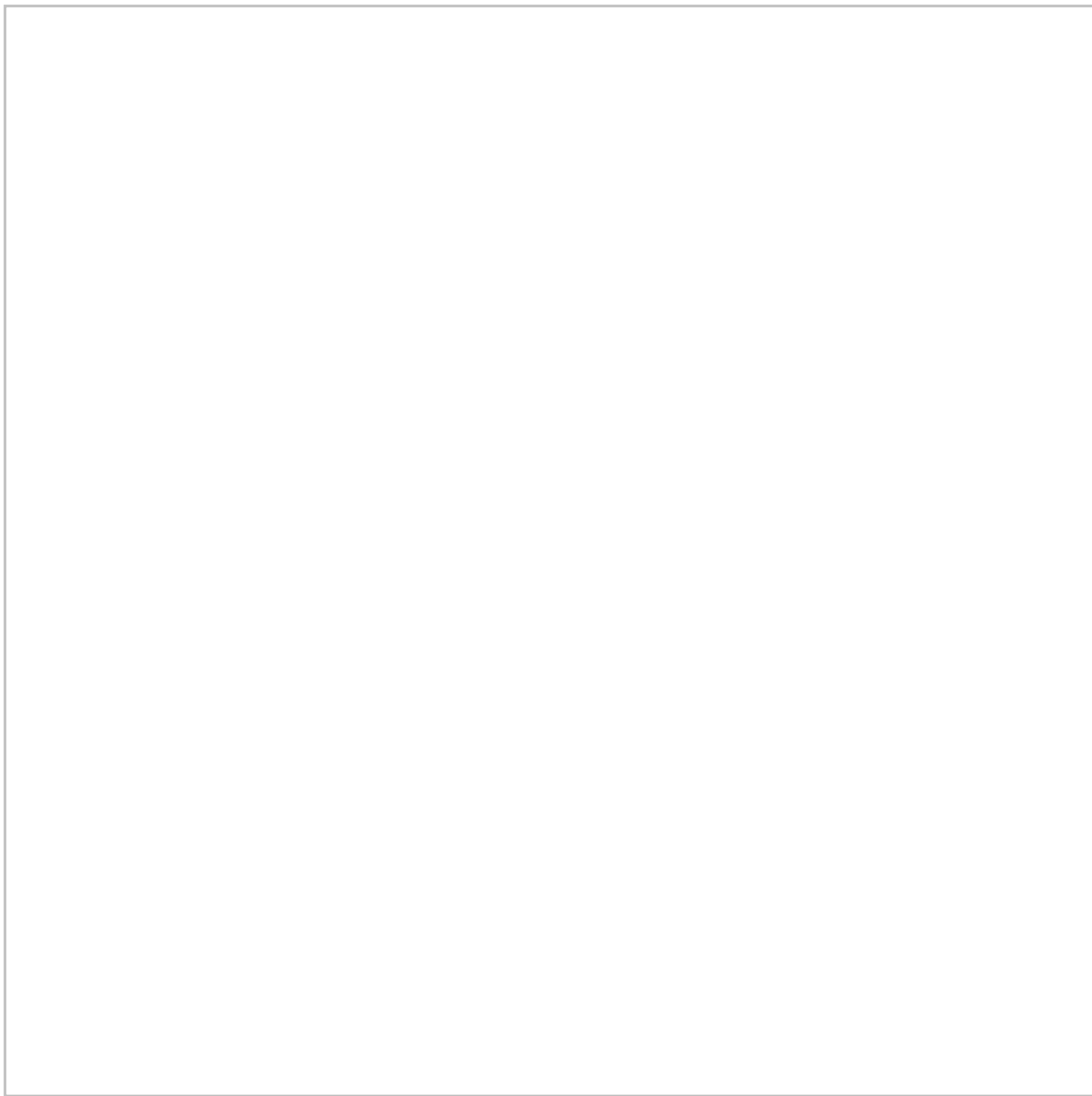
What's talked about less is the role for state governments in the AI conversation. You won't want to miss this year's Communications and Technology Task Force meeting to hear incredibly timely presentations breaking down everything lawmakers need to know about generative AI, participate in discussions with key legislative leaders at the forefront of the AI debate, and learn which states are setting a positive example for the nation by embracing a market-driven, limited government approach to AI.

But it's not just AI on this year's agenda. Join ALEC for a wide range of workshops and policy programming covering more tech policy topics including children's online privacy, deploying rural broadband and closing the digital divide, technology in K-12 education, and you won't want to miss out on this year's Innovation Roundtable.

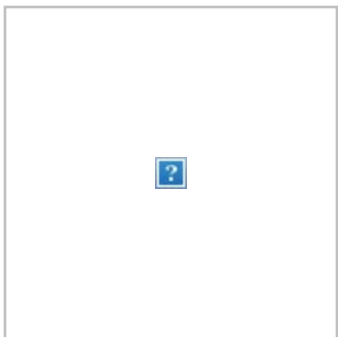
Make your plans to attend the Annual Meeting [here](#), and I look forward to seeing you on the ground in Orlando!

All the best,





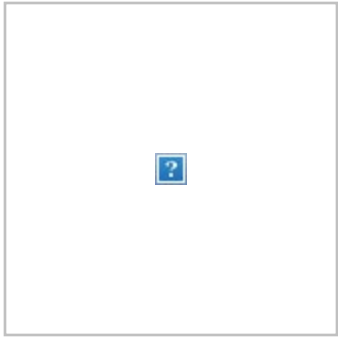
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[Supreme Court Maintains Status Quo on Section 230, Online Free Speech](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued a pair of highly anticipated rulings impacting online speech, content moderation, and liability for user-generated content posted on digital platforms. Policymakers should turn to ALEC's model Resolution Protecting Online Platforms and Services.

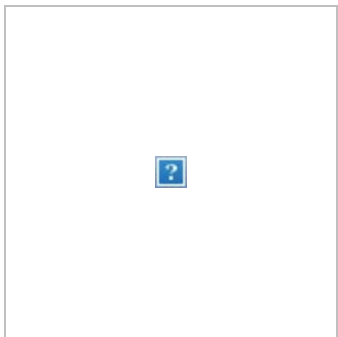
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States Passing Major Communications and Technology Legislation in Lively 2023 Sessions

States are well-positioned to advance productive policy solutions that remove overly burdensome regulations, welcome new jobs and businesses to their communities, and promote a culture of innovation and experimentation by embracing the next generation of connected technologies.



[Read More](#)

TikTok Update: More State Legislative Activity and Legal Challenges

In total, at least 36 states have taken steps to restrict TikTok in some form. Six states in total have taken legislative action on TikTok, eight state governors signed executive orders, and 22 more governors used their existing authority to restrict TikTok across executive agencies or impose more limited restrictions in some but not all agencies.

Since ALEC's last update on [government efforts to ban TikTok](#) from official devices and networks, there has been a flurry of new activity in state capitals and the judiciary, while the Biden Administration and Congress remain at an impasse on an expanded federal ban.



CAT Task Force Emerging Technology Academy October 25-27, 2023

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Interested in attending or sponsoring the academy? [Click below to learn more.](#)

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We are excited to implement a new model policy submission process through our ALEC Connect portal. If you are a public-sector member interested in submitting a model policy for consideration, please [click here](#) to learn more about the new process. We also encourage you to sign up for our “how to” webinar where ALEC staff will review the new process with you and be available to answer any questions. The webinar will be held at **2 PM EST on June 9** and you can register for it by clicking [this link](#).

All model policy ideas must be submitted in ALEC Connect by **11:59 PM EST on June 12** in order to be considered by the task force for the 50th Annual Meeting.

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Dear Jake,

Welcome to the March edition of the ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force newsletter! Each month, I will use this bulletin to make task force announcements, preview upcoming ALEC events and programs, and share the latest tech and telecom policy news impacting the states.

To kick things off, we recently released our [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#), a toolkit highlighting ALEC's top free market policy priorities and key model legislation to aid your work in this year's legislative sessions. You

can look forward to more thoughtful policy analysis, webinars, and opportunities to engage with your fellow task force members throughout the year, so please stay tuned.

Please reach out to me or your two CAT Task Force chairs, **Indiana Senator Eric Koch** and **Sal Nuzzo of the James Madison Institute**, should you have any questions, comments, or thoughts leading up to the ALEC Annual Meeting in July. Our team of ALEC policy experts stands ready to assist you.

All the best,





ALEC 50th Annual Meeting Registration is Now Open

Early-bird registration is now open for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting, celebrating 50 years of trusted policy solutions at the **JW Marriott, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida, from July 26 – 28**. Don't miss our robust lineup of policy programming and workshops highlighting how ALEC's core values of free markets, limited government, and federalism can equip lawmakers with the tools to address key tech and telecom issues back in their home states.

Register today using the link below, **early bird registration rates end May 31st**.

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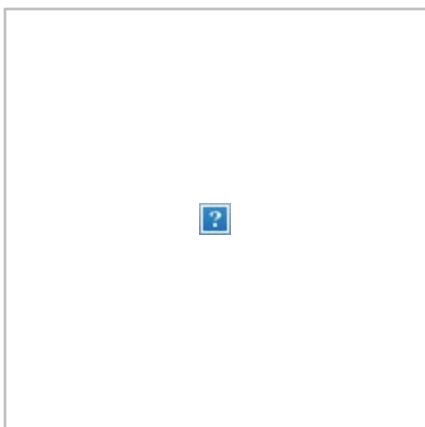
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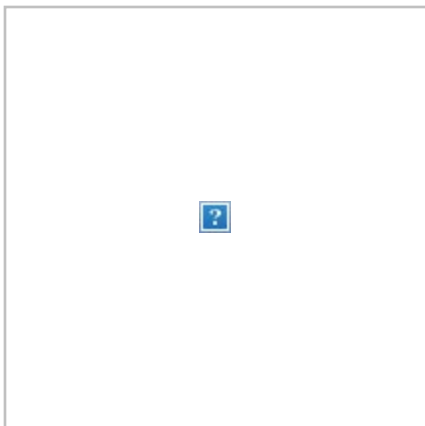


[A Fork in the Road for Artificial Intelligence Developers and Regulators](#)

Generative AI faces two challenges that could stunt the sector's long-term growth: Government overregulation and efforts by some AI companies to close off external access to previously open-sourced AI models. If private sector leaders follow the proven model established by the open internet, entrepreneurs will be able to experiment with tools like ChatGPT and build on the GPT-4 model in innovative ways.

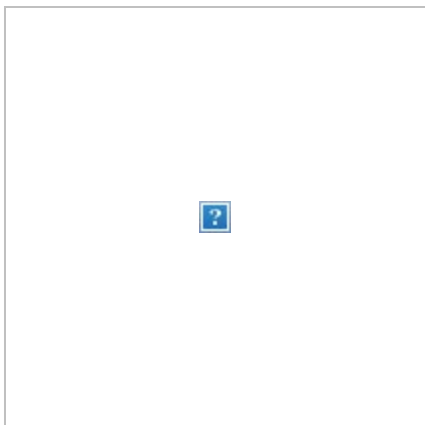
[ChatGPT Mania: What State Lawmakers Need to Know About Generative AI](#)

Not surprisingly, some governments around the world already have tools like ChatGPT in their regulatory crosshairs. States should instead enact policies that support domestic AI innovation and allow industry to chart the path forward.



Taylor Swift, Ticket Sales and the Importance of Free Market Competition

While Taylor Swift brought light to this problem, lack of competition in the live entertainment industry has been an issue for years. At ALEC, we believe in the free market in part because it allows for competition, which should incentivize companies to improve their services.

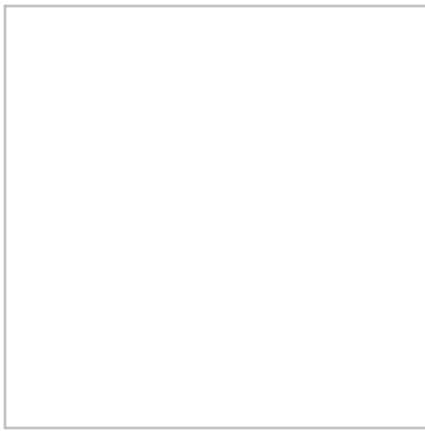


Regulating Artificial Intelligence Could Stifle Innovative Technology: Jake Morabito on OutKick

ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jake Morabito recently told Tomi Lahren of OutKick that artificial intelligence holds great promise and shouldn't be stifled by government regulations.

Done Properly, Artificial Intelligence Could Have Tremendous Benefits: Jake Morabito on the Mike Hayes Show

The winners out of this new AI innovation are going to be those that allow their employees, businesspeople, and consumers to aid their existing work, not to replace it outright. Done properly, ChatGPT and other generative AI could



allow us to be more productive at our jobs
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Dear Jake,

It was a pleasure celebrating five decades of trusted state policy solutions with many of you last week at ALEC's 50th Anniversary Gala at the National Portrait Gallery here in Washington, DC. Not only did we acknowledge and reflect on just how far we've come since our founding in 1973, but we at ALEC are actively charting a course for the next 50 years of limited government, free markets, and federalism, starting with our strong class of "50 Under 50" legislative leaders across the states. With your help, it will be a bright future indeed!

Leading up to the evening's festivities, U.S. Senator Mike Braun of Indiana welcomed state legislative leaders to Capitol Hill for ALEC's 50th Anniversary Policy Day, covering a wide range of topics from ESG to education freedom to state tax reforms. I participated in a panel discussion with representatives from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and NetChoice to educate lawmakers about ALEC's model for artificial intelligence regulation and how states can promote AI innovation in their communities.

As we now turn our focus to the 2024 state legislative sessions, be sure to mark your calendars for two upcoming ALEC events you won't want to miss. Later this month, ALEC's CAT Task Force heads back to Silicon Valley for our annual [Emerging Technology Policy Academy](#) from October 25-27, where legislators will learn directly from subject matter experts about the pressing tech topics coming soon to state chambers like AI, child online safety, cybersecurity, and much more.

Finally, the [2023 ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit](#) in Scottsdale, Arizona, is less than two months away from November 28-30. **If you are interested in submitting draft model policy to be considered at the upcoming conference, [please file your drafts through ALEC Connect](#) before the filing deadline of October 15, or reach out to me directly for assistance.**

All the best,

Communications and Technology Task Force Policy News



[Net Neutrality Rears Its Head Once Again](#)

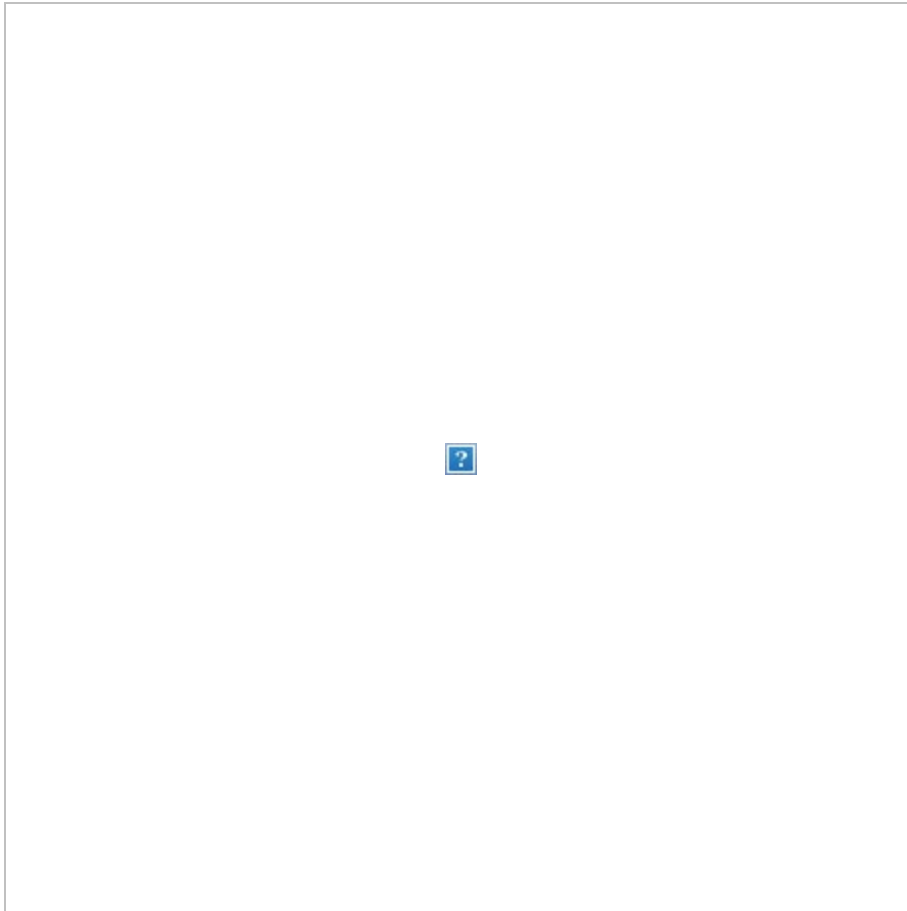
The FCC recently announced plans to revive the 2015 Obama-era net neutrality rules that were repealed by the Trump Administration in 2018. ALEC's Model Resolution on Network Neutrality finds that such regulations threaten to undermine America's internet ecosystem, impede innovation and investment, and increase costs for consumers.



[What is artificial intelligence? Legislators are still looking for a definition: Jake Morabito in Stateline](#)

CAT Task Force Director Jake Morabito recently spoke with Stateline about the challenge of defining artificial intelligence in law, encouraging lawmakers to get up to speed on understanding how we can maximize the benefits, mitigate the risks, and make sure the U.S. leads on AI innovation.

ALEC at the James Madison Institute's Florida Tech & Innovation Summit 2023



CAT Task Force Director Jake Morabito led a discussion on state tech policy in 2024 at JMI's annual Tech & Innovation Summit, covering a wide range of topics including artificial intelligence, child online safety, data privacy, and more.

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Dear Jake,

In case you missed it, registration is now open for two signature ALEC events this fall: The 50th ALEC Anniversary Gala and the 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit!

Click the links below to see what's on the agenda and reserve your space today, and don't forget to register for the CAT Task Force's annual **Emerging Technology Academy** from October 25-27 in Silicon Valley, California while you're at it.

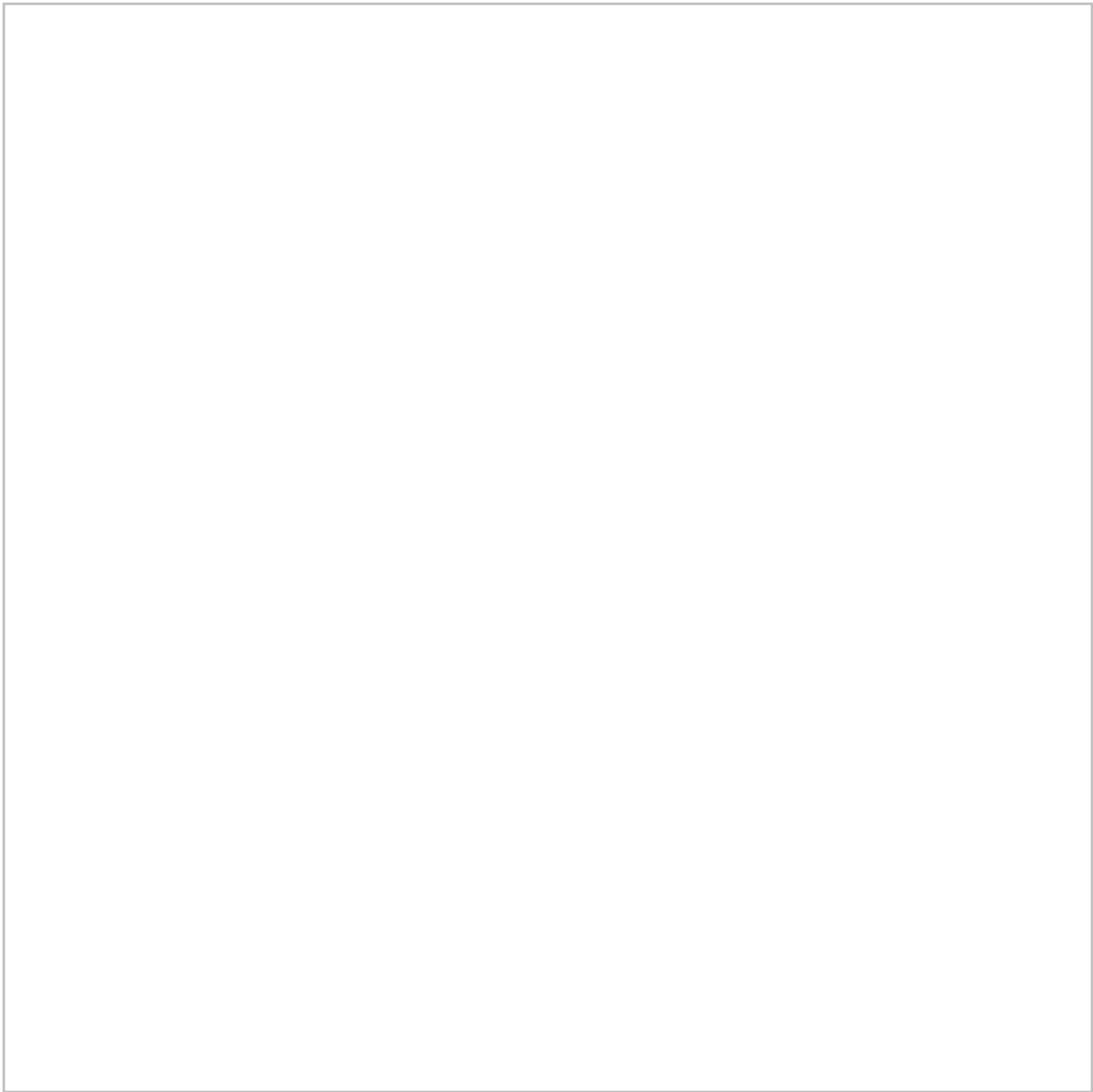
- [October 4: 50th ALEC Anniversary Gala | Washington, DC](#)
- [November 28-30: 2023 ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit | Scottsdale, Arizona](#)

Also, did you know? In addition to our library of more than 900 model policies, ALEC's policy team regularly publishes original reports, publications, and white papers that advance state-based ideas rooted in ALEC's foundational principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism. Visit [ALEC.org](#) to view the complete list of publications, including these Communications and Technology related reports:

- [Rich States, Poor States 16th Edition](#) – ALEC's flagship publication ranking each state's economic outlook and performance. Where does your state rank?
- [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#) – Each year, ALEC compiles a definitive handbook of model legislation to add to the important discussions taking place across the states and at the federal level.
- [A Threat to American Tech Innovation: The European Union's Digital Markets Act](#) – While some nations in Europe and around the world adopt sweeping new regulations targeting U.S. tech firms, laws like the EU's Digital Markets Act will have drastic consequences and should not be emulated in the U.S.
- [A Framework for Privacy Legislation](#) – Over 10 states have enacted data privacy legislation in recent years. Policymakers should endeavor to protect consumers from actual, concrete harm while allowing the greatest flexibility for innovators.

I'm looking forward to connecting again soon at your next ALEC event!

All the best,



Communications and Technology Task Force Policy News



New ALEC Model Policies on Artificial Intelligence, Social Media Education Provide a Free-Market Blueprint for Emerging Tech

ALEC members have proposed common sense solutions to guide policymakers on the topics of artificial intelligence (AI) and social media regulation.



Register Today: ALEC Emerging Technology Academy
October 25-27 | Silicon Valley, CA

Are you a legislative leader thinking about how emerging technology issues impact your home states and constituents? Are you interested in learning more about the pressing tech and telecommunications issues facing states in the upcoming 2024 sessions? Join ALEC in Silicon Valley this October for our annual Emerging Technology Academy, a policy deep-dive on topics like artificial intelligence, child online safety, data privacy, autonomous systems, broadband expansion, and much more.

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ALEC On The Hill

ALEC Defends Federalism in Congressional Testimony

Joe Trotter, ALEC's Energy,
Environment and Agriculture Task
Force Director, testified in front of
the U.S. House Judiciary Committee



on the importance of allowing states to set their own inspection rules for local slaughterhouses and meat processing facilities. [Read his opening remarks.](#)

ALEC Webinars

Friday, June 23: Remove and Reduce Regulatory Barriers to Entrepreneurship at 2:00 PM EST

Join us for an ALEC policy webinar focusing on ways to remove and reduce regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship. Hosted by the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development and Communications and Technology Task Forces, the webinar is scheduled for Friday, June 23 at 2pm ET. [Register here](#) to participate.

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Welcome Interns!



ALEC's internship program provides students with the opportunity to develop their interest in state policy and learn how to effectively advocate for Jeffersonian principles. This summer we welcomed six students to the ALEC office, where they immediately got to work helping teams advance work on behalf of our members.

ALEC Commentary

2023: The Year of Universal Education Freedom

2023 has been another massive success for American students and



families as more states implement programs designed to empower parents and provide more choice in education. In all, 8 different states have now implemented universal school choice programs, including 6 this year alone. With these programs in place, more than 12,500,000 American students will have access to some form of education freedom – close to 23% of all students in the country. This number has increased exponentially since the beginning of COVID and is sure to continue rising as even more states pass significant school choice programs in 2024. [Read more.](#)

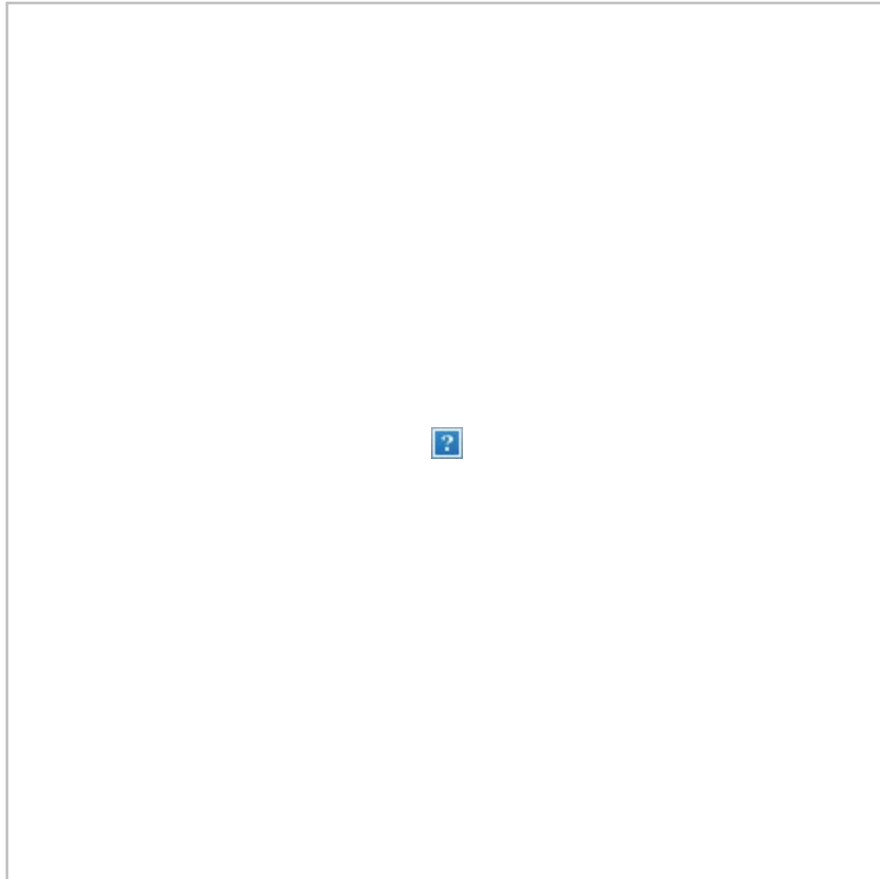


SCOTUS Rules Home Equity Theft Out, Homeowners Rights In

Two weeks ago and a month earlier than expected, the US Supreme Court released its decision in Tyler v Hennepin County. The justices unanimously sided with 94-year-old Geraldine Tyler, ruling that the county had acted unconstitutionally when it kept the excess profit from the sale of Ms. Tyler's home, which was confiscated and sold due to her tax debt.

As explained in a previous ALEC blog post, this practice of keeping remaining profit when a home is sold to satisfy delinquent property taxes is known as home equity theft. And thanks to the Tyler decision, home equity theft is now unconstitutional. [Read more.](#)

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4. Once you click “Continue”, you will begin making your travel plans.

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ALEC Highlights

ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala



Jonathan Williams Digs into First GOP Debate of 2023

Academy Recap: Great Lakes Regional Tax and Economic Policy Academy - Midland, Michigan

ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala



Our Tax and Fiscal Policy team and many great leaders from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio recently gathered in Midland, Michigan at Northwood University for our latest policy academy. Legislators shared their experiences implementing competitive, free market policies in their various states. Our Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer Economic Competitiveness Index served as a framework for discussions about providing tax relief to attract businesses and workers.

Thanks go out to Dr. Tim Nash of Northwood University, Michigan House Minority Leader and ALEC Board of Directors member Matt Hall, and Michigan Representative Bill G. Schuette for hosting us in Midland. On Thursday night, we heard from ALEC co-founder and former Michigan Governor John Engler, who spoke of the importance of pro-growth policies, how welfare reform in Michigan served as an example for the nation, and the important steps he took to improve the state's pension system.

ALEC Commentary



How States are Addressing the Need for Affordable Housing: Gretchen Baldau in The Epoch Times

Gretchen Baldau, ALEC Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force Director, was featured in The Epoch Times discussing the latest actions from the Biden Administration attempting to increase housing access in suburbs and towns. Baldau is quoted detailing the alternative policies being proposed at the state level to address affordable housing needs. **[Read the article](#)**



States Show the Way on Fiscal Policy: Jonathan Williams on American Radio Journal

The 50 states, the laboratories of democracy, have shown that real policy solutions to real policy problems are free market solutions that seek to limit or reduce the role of the big government in the lives of hard-working American taxpayers. **[Listen to interview.](#)**



A Monument to Energy Regression

Earlier this month, President Biden used powers authorized under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to proclaim a vast swath of land in Arizona as a national monument. Unfortunately, Biden's declaration was less about preserving history and more about halting new mining projects in the single best area for sourcing uranium domestically. **[Watch Video.](#)**

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You are cordially invited to attend this year's ALEC Legislative Reception at the NSCL Legislative Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana. This event is a chance to learn more about ALEC as we celebrate our 50th anniversary year, mingle with current ALEC members & alumni, conference attendees, private sector partners and ALEC staff over cocktails and appetizers.

This event is open to prospective, current, and former ALEC members.

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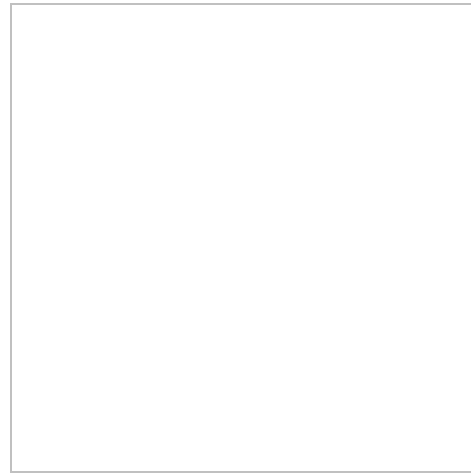
ALEC Urges Biden Administration to Support Private Sector Leadership on AI Trust and Accountability

On June 12, 2023, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) filed regulatory comments responding to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's "AI Accountability Policy Request for Comment." NTIA sought input to guide forthcoming federal regulation on building trust and accountability in artificial intelligence through a proposed system of audits, risk assessments, certifications, and other mechanisms. **[Read more.](#)**



Oklahoma Approves the Nation's First Religious Charter School

Last Monday, the Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board voted 3-2 to approve a charter application submitted by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Diocese of Tulsa. The approval, backed by Governor Kevin Stitt and State Superintendent Ryan Walters, means that the nation's first-ever religious charter school – the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School – could be coming to Oklahoma if the board's decision survives legal scrutiny. [**Read more.**](#)



VIDEO: A Look Back at Rich States, Poor States Launch in Salt Lake City

On April 13, we launched the 16th edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index from Salt Lake City, celebrating Utah's number one economic outlook ranking. Hear from ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson, ALEC Chief Economist and EVP of Policy Jonathan Williams, Utah Governor Spencer Cox, Utah Senate President and member of the ALEC Board of Directors Stuart Adams, and Utah Speaker of the House Brad Wilson give their remarks on Utah's achievements. [**Read more.**](#)

ALEC Webinars

Remove and Reduce Regulatory Barriers to Entrepreneurship

TOMORROW, June 23 at 2:00 PM EST

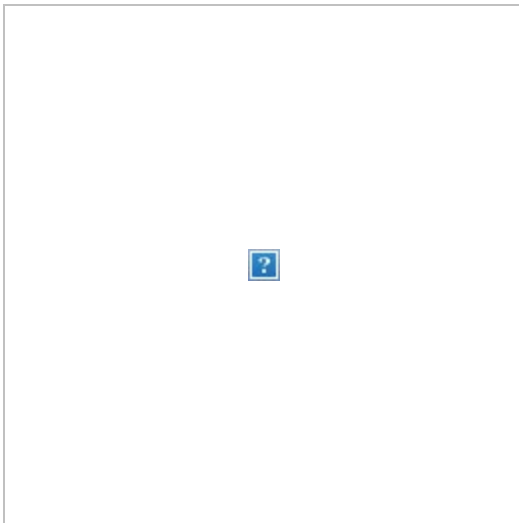
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ALEC In The States

Last week, ALEC traveled to Miami-Dade to host an event that brought together 40 influential leaders, including mayors, commissioners, and school board officials, among other valuable partners. Thanks to the support of the ALEC/ACCE National Chairman Representative Daniel Perez and the ACCE Executive Committee Florida Chapter members Anthony Rodriguez and Kevin Marino Cabrera, this event established a platform for leaders to tackle critical issues, explore innovative solutions, and foster collaborative partnerships. The ACCE program's objective is to leverage Florida's energy and strengths by forging partnerships and initiatives that will drive prosperity within the state and extend its positive impact nationwide.



Last week, legislators from the Northeast gathered in Saratoga Springs for ALEC's Regional Tax and Economic Policy Academy. We were joined by policy experts from around the country to discuss issues like protecting pensions from politicized investment strategies, how strong fiscal rules can slow the growth of state spending, and why Truth-in-Taxation can protect taxpayers from skyrocketing property taxes. A special thanks to our New York delegation and our state chair, Assemblyman Robert Smullen for hosting us in the Empire State.

50th ALEC Annual Meeting: Housing Deadline is June 28



Housing Deadline - June 28th, limited space remaining! Registration Deadline for Attending Virtual Subcommittees – July 14

For everyone who has already registered for ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting – thank you! If you have not already reserved your hotel room, please do so today while rooms are still available.

Some of the most important discussions of America will be taking place at the ALEC Annual Meeting. As the states bring their policy challenges forward, we at ALEC will be focusing on the development of trusted policy solutions. Some issues we will discuss include:

- Free Market Solutions and Enforcement of Regulations for AI
- Teen Social Media and Internet Safety
- Kinship Care for Children
- Dual Enrollment for High School Graduates
- Creating Affordable Housing with Zoning Flexibility

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Dear Members of ALEC's Communications and Technology Task Force,

I hope you have been well and look forward to connecting again soon at the [ALEC 50th Annual Meeting](#), taking place in Orlando from July 26-28. As we prepare for the conference, please see the following announcements:

- **Deadline to Submit Model Policy: Monday, June 12.** If you would like to submit model policy to be considered at this July's ALEC meeting, please submit your text with a summary of the policy using the dedicated form within ALEC Connect or by attaching them in an email to me no later than Monday, June 12, by close of business. Should you have any questions about the model policy process or submitting your policy, please contact me at (571) 482-5021 and I will be happy to assist you.
- **Upcoming CAT/CIED Webinar: Friday, June 23 at 2:00 PM EDT.** Please join members of the Communications and Technology (CAT) Task Force and the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force for a joint webinar focusing on ways to remove and reduce regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship. [Register here](#) to participate and hear featured presentations from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, the Archbridge Institute, and PrizePicks.

Thank you for your time,

Jake Morabito

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Upcoming Meetings:

50th ALEC Annual Meeting | July 26 –28, 2023 | Orlando, FL
50th ALEC Anniversary Gala | October 4, 2023 | Washington, D.C.

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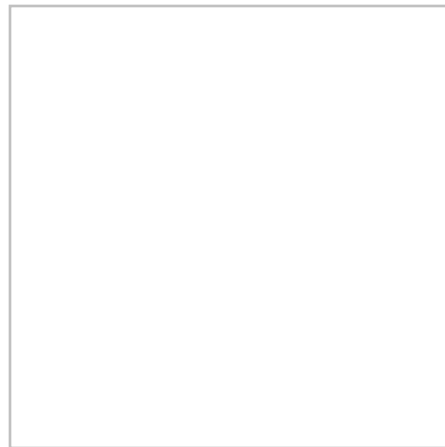
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March Legislators of the Month



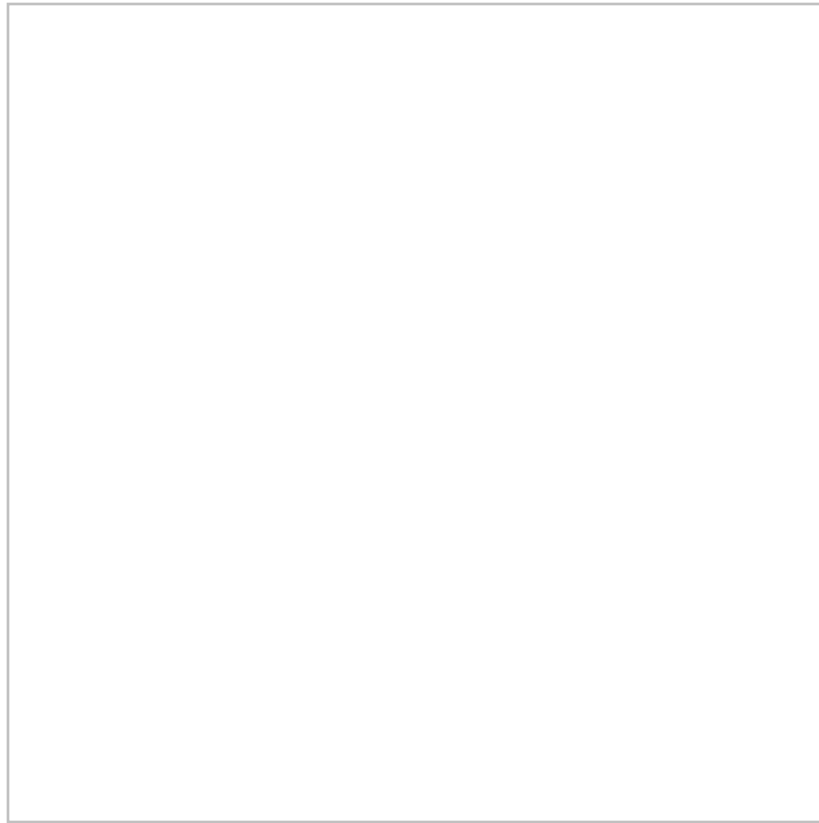
Senator Tom McGillvray (MT)



Representative Terry Moore (MT)

It is our pleasure to award **Montana Representative Terry Moore** and **Montana Senator Tom McGillvray** as State Legislators of the Month for the month of March. Their exceptional work on keeping politics out of pensions has made Montana the gold standard for fiduciary rules. [Read more.](#)

ALEC's Flagship Guide to Economic Growth: Rich States, Poor States



The impact doesn't stop at academic curiosity. Policymakers are taking heed of ALEC's research, and changing the direction of their policy agendas for the better.

Watch our next video from the 50th anniversary series, Rich States, Poor States with Art Laffer, Steve Moore and others where they review the topline findings of Rich States, Poor States.



The 2023 ALEC Academy Series kicks off in June. This year's Academy Series includes 15 Academies, with at least one from each [**ALEC Task Force**](#). To learn more about the policy topics covered, check out the ALEC [***Essential Policy Solutions for 2023***](#).

ALEC Academies are a great way to dive deeper into policy issues. These invitation only two-day training opportunities for state legislators will provide an interactive dialogue and equip you with free market resources to tackle policy issues. We focus the Academy to give you practical and proven tools to make reforms in your state. During these forums, you will participate with policy experts and have the opportunity to present your experiences with other thought leaders.

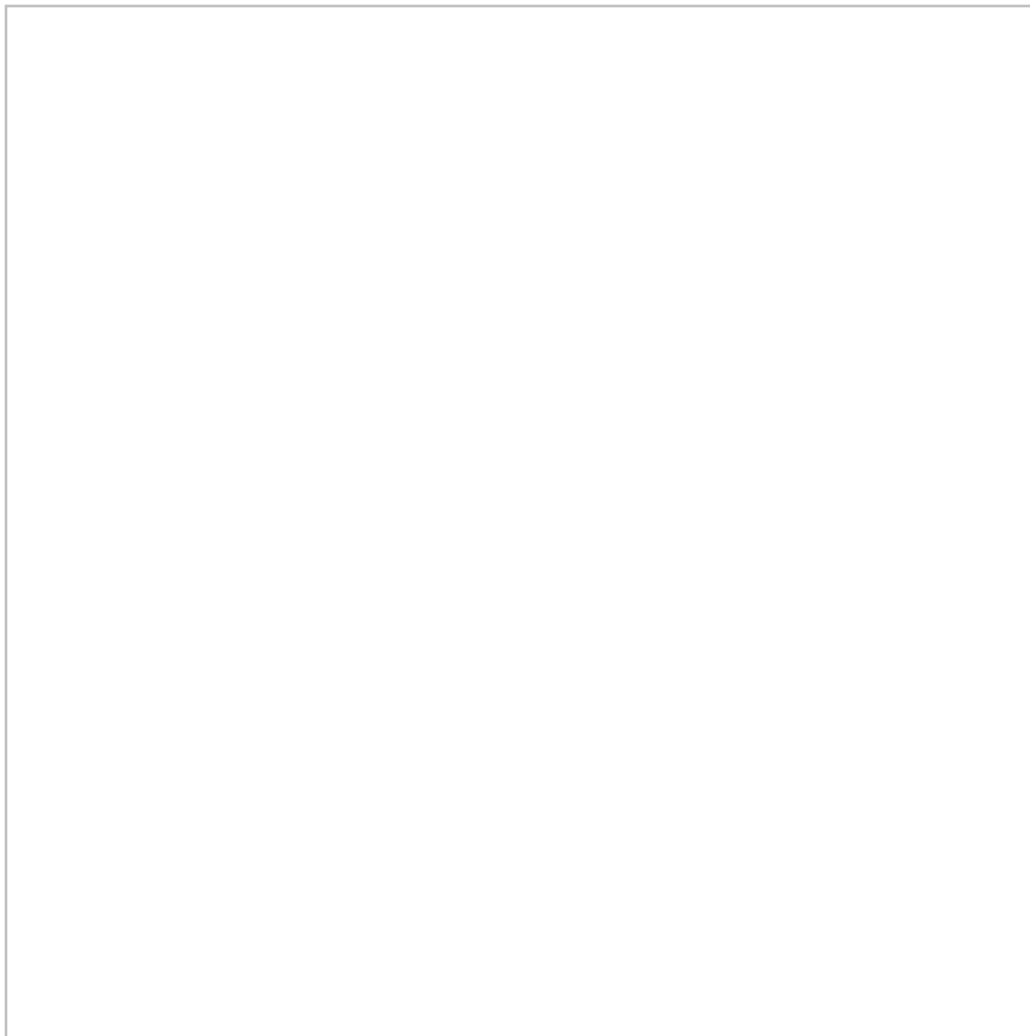
If you would like to be considered for a 2023 ALEC Academy, please fill out the form linked below and let us know which issue areas you are interested in.

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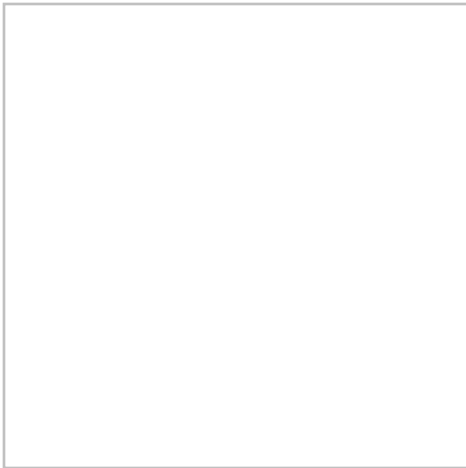
ALEC had the opportunity to return to Boise, Idaho last week. ALEC Senior Director of the International Relations & Federalism as well as Homeland Security Task Forces, Karla Jones, presented on her current work and the importance of these topics, while Aaron Gillham, Legislative Membership and Engagement Manager, discussed the benefits of ALEC and the many upcoming events during this 50th Anniversary year.

We are grateful to our Board member and Idaho State Chair, Representative Sage Dixon, for inviting us to the Capitol to talk with his colleagues.

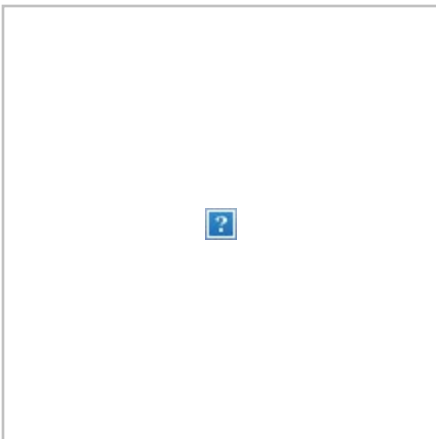


Bill Dumais & Megan Snitchler, members of ALEC's partnership & engagement team, returned to this year's Pennsylvania Leadership Conference; one of the largest state-based conservative conferences in the nation. Bill & Megan engaged with state legislative leaders, private sector partners, and in-state free market allies, panels & workshops, and presentations. In addition to keynote speaker, Kellyanne Conway, in attendance, FL Governor Ron DeSantis spoke during the conference's final day to a packed room and much fanfare.

This week ALEC staff, Gabriella Uli and Gretchen Baldau, also met with two of our Florida ALEC champions - ALEC State Chair, Representative Spencer Roach and 2023 ALEC National Chairman, Representative Danny Perez and gave a policy briefing on regulatory reform.

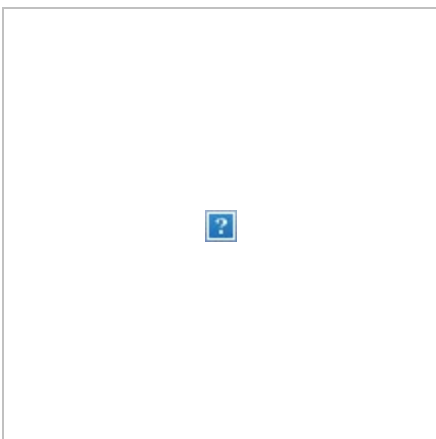


ALEC Commentary



Tech Innovations Get Tryout in Regulatory Sandboxes: Jake Morabito in GCN

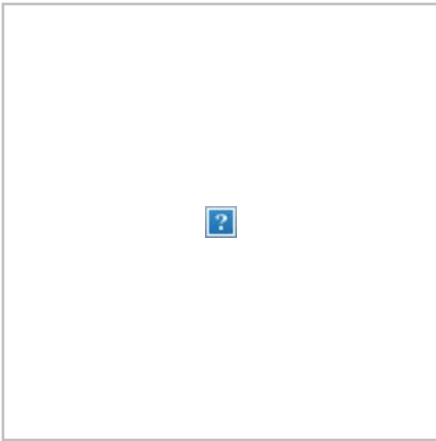
ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jake Morabito tells Government Computer News (GCN) that states experimenting with regulatory sandboxes (one of ALEC's Essential Policy Solutions for 2023) allow businesses to innovate without the burden of excessive regulations. [Read more.](#)



The States Empower the Federal Government, Not the Other Way Around: Karla Jones on KWTQ Radio

ALEC Senior Director of the International Relations and Federalism Task Force Karla Jones joined Springfield, MO's KWTQ radio host Tim Jones for a discussion about federalism and the new ALEC video series on Article V and the Convention of the States process. [Read more.](#)

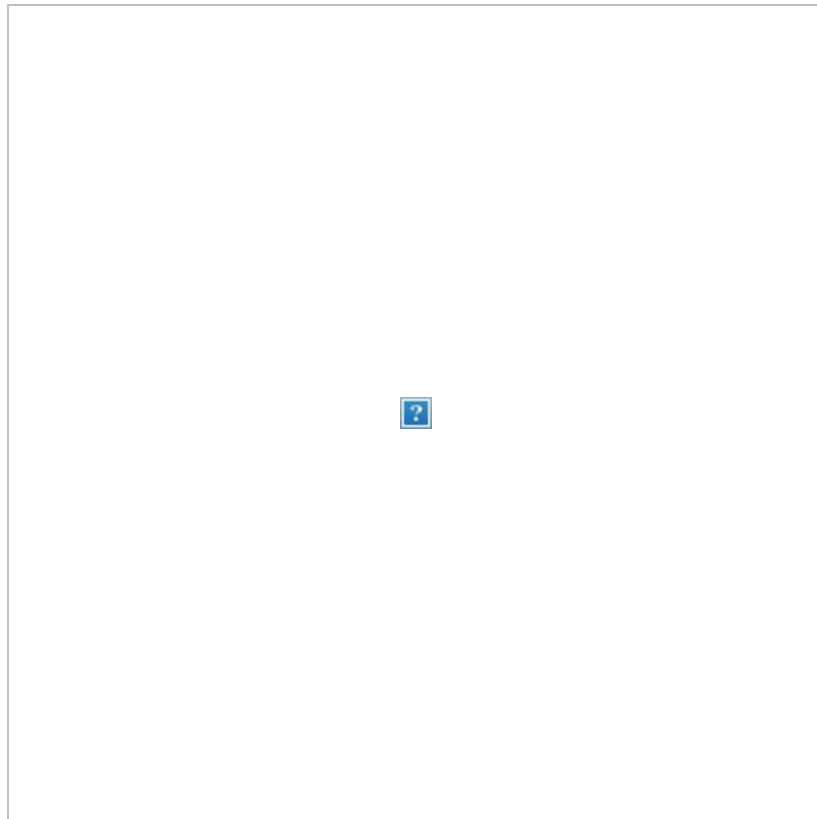
What's Next for TikTok in the U.S.: A



Look at the State and Federal Policy Landscape

TikTok, the popular social media app owned by Chinese mega conglomerate ByteDance, is increasingly impossible to escape in the American zeitgeist. The app is on a meteoric rise in the United States, consistently topping the charts across U.S. app stores and currently boasting over 150 million monthly active American users, up from 100 million in 2020. [Read more.](#)

Women's History Month Wrap Up



Last month, we celebrated Women's History Month, and in keeping with this year's theme – Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories – we have assembled a series of videos from lady leaders with important stories to tell. The experiences these exemplary women share are varied and,

hope, resilience, courage and freedom are enduring themes.

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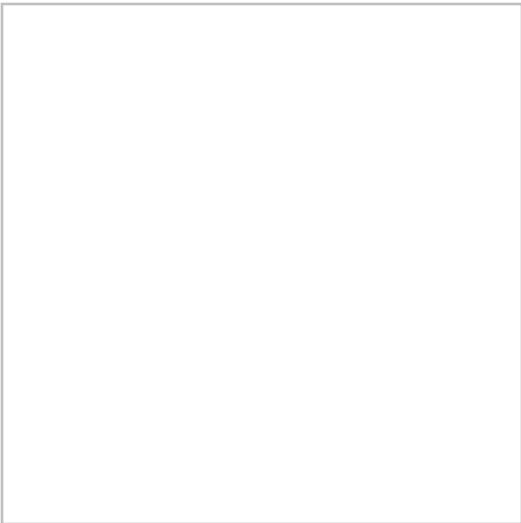
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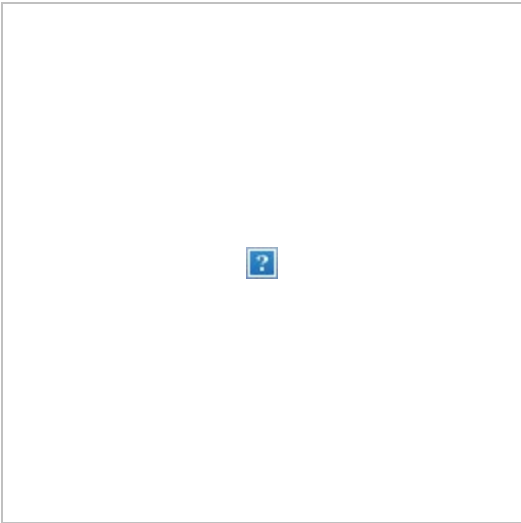
Bidenomics is Killing Capitalism and The Little Guy

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, was featured on ISpy Radio with an in-depth critique of the Bidenomics and the floundering



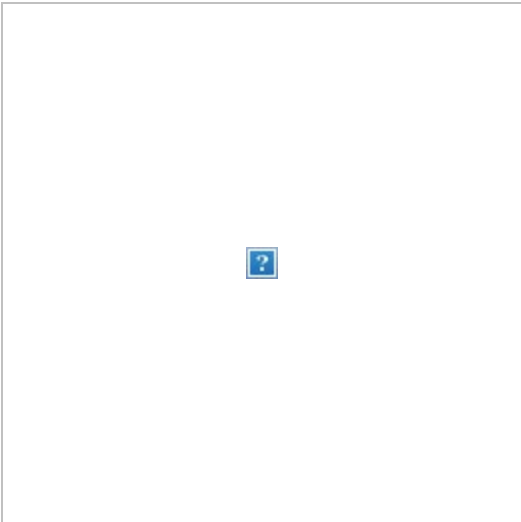
federal economic agenda and reviews Oregon's economic ranking in the 16th edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Read more.](#)

President Biden's Proposed Rule on Short-Term Plans Shortchanges the States



Brooklyn Roberts, Senior Director of ALEC's Health and Human Services Task Force takes a look at President Biden's new proposal that would, among other things, change the length of short-term insurance plans offered by private insurers from twelve months to three months, thus limiting healthcare options for those in need of short-term care. [Read more.](#)

Is the Economy Out of the Woods Yet? I Don't Think So



ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams spoke with NTD News about Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's comments on the economy that assured Americans that a recession is not in our future. But is it? [Read more.](#)



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Early bird pricing ends November 1st, but don't be scared... You have one last chance to save! [Click here](#) to secure your spot and avoid a spooky price increase!

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Celebrating Women's History Month

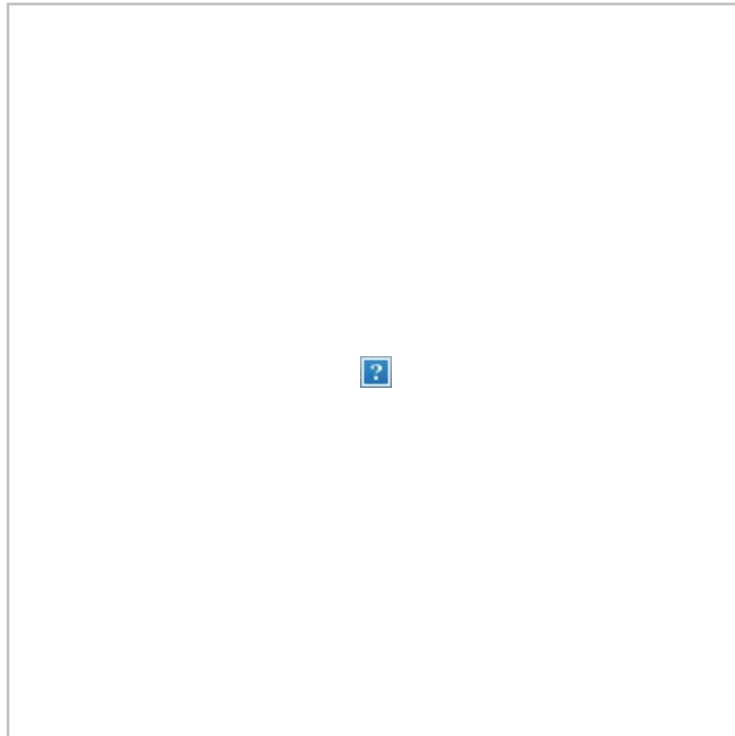
In honor of Women's History Month,
we are highlighting our ALEC Iron
Lady Recipients!

Each year at the ALEC Annual
Meeting, in honor of the Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, we honor an
outstanding woman who has lead the



charge guided by the principles of free enterprise and individual liberty.

We would like to recognize our past our Iron Lady Award
Recipients: **The Honorable Yvette Herrell** (2020), **Senator Patricia Rucker** (2021) and **Congresswoman and ALEC Alumna Victoria Spartz Victoria Spartz** (2022).





HAPPENING NOW, Thursday, March 16 at 2:00 PM EST

Traditional vs. Deregulated Electric Markets – A Primer

Guest Speaker: Brad Viator, Founder, B Strategic

ALEC will be hosting a webinar on the differences between traditional electric markets and deregulated electric markets. This discussion will provide an opportunity for attendees to understand how each market structure impacts electric rates, reliability, and ultimately customers. Please join us for a discussion on this critically important topic that is being debated in several states across the country.

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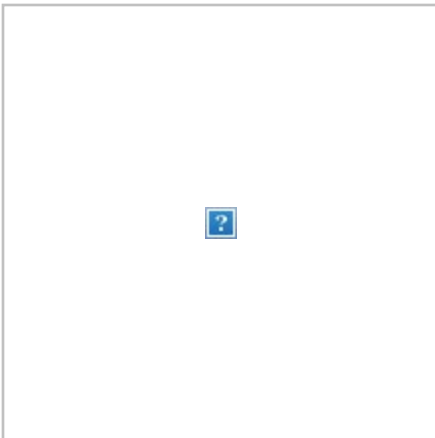
Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 PM EST

CIED Housing and Land Use Working Group

Join the CIED Task Force's Housing and Land Use Working Group for an open discussion about reforms to increase the affordable housing supply in the states. Guest speakers will address reforms including rent control litigation, eliminating parking minimums, and housing vouchers.

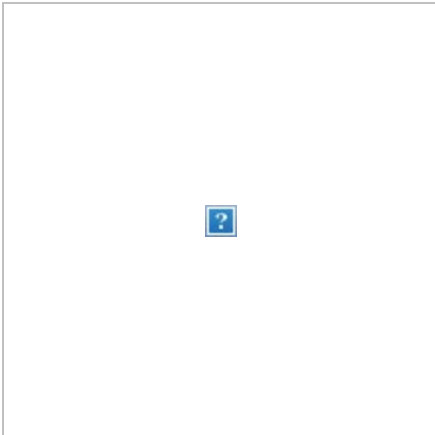
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ALEC Celebrates Sunshine Week

This week, March 12-18, ALEC celebrates "Sunshine Week." Sunshine Week was started in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors (now the New Leaders Association) to promote open, transparent government. [Read more.](#)



Challenges to President Biden's Student Debt Handout Heard by Supreme Court

The plan faces serious constitutional concerns over the President's purported authority to cancel such a large amount of debt by himself, but it also faces fairness concerns since not all borrowers will qualify for a handout and those who repaid their loans receive nothing. [Read more.](#)

These States are Supporting New Entrepreneurs

In his State of the Union address, President Biden stated that "over the last



two years, a record 10 million Americans applied to start a new small business.” While the number is accurate, this is not the 17 million new businesses Intuit predicted for 2022 alone. [Read more.](#)



Washington Seeks to Empower Government While States Seek to Empower Individuals: Jonathan Williams on NTD News

ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams told NTD News this week states are reducing the size and scope of government while federal leaders are expanding it. [Read more.](#)

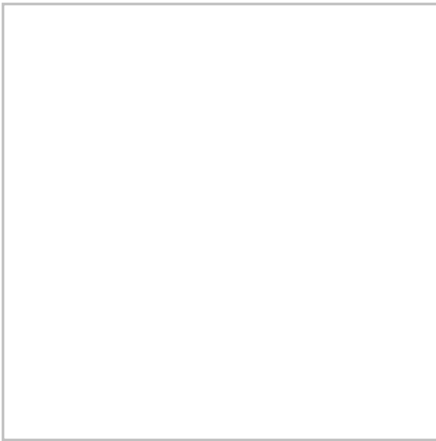


Congress and the States Tackling ESG to Protect Retirees and Taxpayers: Lee Schalk on The Doug Wagner Show

Lee Schalk, ALEC Vice President of Policy, recently told Doug Wagner on WMT Newsradio that Congress should be applauded for its recent bipartisan resolution rejecting the Biden Administration’s Department of Labor rule on ESG. [Read more.](#)

Preventing Moldova from Becoming Russia’s Next Victim

Late last month, Vladimir Putin unilaterally revoked an agreement recognizing Moldovan sovereignty. Many international observers interpreted this as a sign that



the Russian President may be planning an invasion of Moldova, a European nation. [Read more.](#)

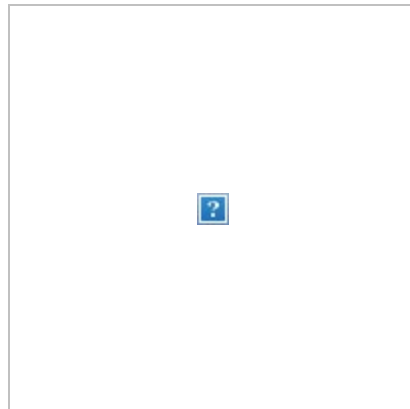
ALEC in the States



Last week, Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and EVP of Policy and Bill Dumais, Legislative Outreach Manager, attended Solution Summit 2023 - a one day conference hosted by the Pelican Institute for Public Policy in Baton Rouge, LA where we reconnected with our legislative members and free market colleagues. Jonathan Williams and Vince Leach, former AZ State Senator & ALEC Board of Directors member, spoke on panels focusing on state budgeting.

This week, ALEC traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska. Jonathan Williams and Gabriella Uli, Membership Outreach Manager, hosted a legislative luncheon focusing on Nebraska's economic outlook. Thanks to our State Chairs, Senator Lou Ann Linehan, Justin Brady, and former Board Member Jim Smith, for welcoming us to their home state.

We look forward to continuing our outreach and being helpful to all our Nebraska ALEC Legislative Members.





ALEC Annual Meeting: Kid's Congress

ALEC is partnering with ACCENT on Children's Arrangements, Inc. to provide an exciting children's program, **Kid's Congress, for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, July 26-28.**

All children 6 months through 17 years old are welcome to participate and will have special age-oriented activities planned for them. Scheduled activities will take place at the on-site center. Children ages 7-17 will have the opportunity go off-site to see all that Orlando has to offer!

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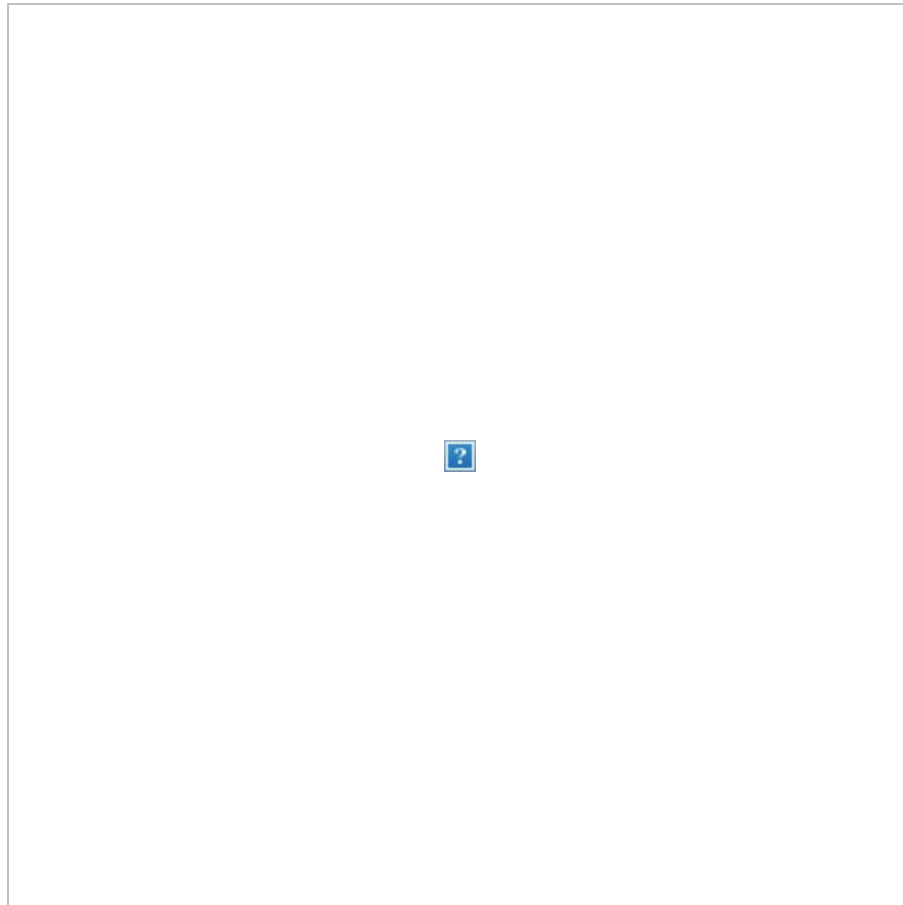
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Do you know anyone interested in limited government, free markets, and federalism? Who is also a recent grad, or an undergrad or graduate student? You do? Are they looking to learn more about Policy, Events, Development, Public Affairs or Finance? Great!

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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
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Subject: CEO Update: April 2023
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 7:26:51 AM



Dear Jake,

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the promise of redemption and hope. In the Christian tradition, in just three days we went from Good Friday, the penultimate moment of darkness to the moment where light and hope were restored.

As many states reach the end or midpoint of their legislative sessions, I am optimistic in what I am seeing around the country. If we fix our eyes on the positive future created when free people are allowed to pursue

opportunity, we find hope, along with the strength and encouragement to continue to make a difference.

Thanks to your continued support, leaders of state governments are equipped to better understand the impact of the policies they support, and why some states create booming economies while others send residents fleeing in droves.

And, in April just as we celebrate Easter we also are reminded on April 15th about the role our government has in our lives. Each April working with Dr. Arthur Laffer and Steve Moore ALEC wraps up our annual assessment of the economic outlook and performance of the 50 states and how they compete with one another. Click [here](#) to see where your state currently ranks.

Thanks to your support, this playbook for success has been a tool we use throughout the country to educate and try our best to lessen government impact on our lives. Next week we will release our 16th Annual Rich States, Poor States Report.

The impact doesn't stop at academic curiosity. Policymakers are taking heed of ALEC's research, and changing the direction of their policy agendas for the better.

In 2022 alone, we saw five new states become flat tax states starting with ALEC alumnus Governor Kim Reynolds in Iowa, and expanding to Arizona, Mississippi, Georgia, and Idaho.

"A freedom movement has been unleashed because of Rich States, Poor States. I'm really proud to have been a part of it from the start," says economist Steve Moore, coauthor of the report.

[Watch our next video](#) from the 50th anniversary series, Rich States, Poor States with Art Laffer, Steve Moore and others where they review the topline findings of Rich States, Poor States.



With your help, I believe that more policymakers will take action to improve their state's financial standing. Will you share Rich States, Poor States with someone in your community? Showing how policy impacts people is our best chance of winning the battle of ideas.

Sincerely,



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P.S. ALEC is focused on delivering the information you need to be an effective advocate for sound policies. If you are someone who is eager to contribute to a new era of economic growth, please subscribe [here](#) to be included on additional ALEC emails.



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From: [Lisa Nelson](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: CEO Update: March 2023
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:04:53 PM



Dear Jake,

There's a lot going on at ALEC and around the country and I have so much to update you on. Please read all the way through – this is important.

Just last week in major policy development, I was buoyed by the messages being sent by many in the public sphere in support of business and job creators. ALEC has been the victim of so much of what we now recognize as “cancel culture” or intimidation by special interest groups –

and we have suffered from misrepresentations of who we are by outsiders and the media – what we are is a 50 year strong nonpartisan member organization of free market, limited government legislators who believe that the states should be the laboratories of Democracy. What we are is a policy solution focused organization that welcomes all state based elected officials to work with us on issues that affect our success as a nation.

As such, last week's actions are worth noting. They suggest a shift and a realignment of thinking as it relates to how business should be able to protect their shareholders interests.

In the US Senate –

In a joint resolution passed last week, Congress followed one of ALEC's [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#) to protect retirees by keeping politics out of pensions. The *bipartisan* votes in the House and Senate were rejection of a new [Department of Labor rule](#) that allows pension plan managers to incorporate politics into their investment decisions. Hats off to Senator Mike Braun of Indiana and Representative Andy Barr of Kentucky, who led this effort on Capitol Hill.

As a part of this news, ALEC alumnus, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia voted in favor of the resolution. In his words, "The ESG rule...is just another example of how our Administration prioritizes a liberal policy agenda over protecting and growing the retirement accounts of 150 million Americans that will be in jeopardy."

And in the Wall Street Journal we saw a remarkable editorial that Vanguard would not base their investments on any type of standards set by outside influences. ALEC applauds Vanguard CEO Tim Buckley when he [stated](#), "Our research indicates that ESG investing does not have any advantage over broad-based investing." ALEC applauds this principled stance.

As ALEC celebrates 50 years of trusted policy solutions, we remain committed to help individuals from all walks of life identify those best practices that lead to growth and opportunity. We recognize that opportunity is the great equalizer and driver of success.

For 2023, our policy team has analyzed the best free market ideas to add to the important discussions taking place across the states and at the federal level in Washington. With these Essential Policy Solutions and others, we're seeking to support employees and strengthen their First Amendment freedoms. [Read more about ALEC's newly released Essential Policy Solutions for 2023.](#)

We're proud to see the economic growth in the 28 states that have embraced issues like the Right to Work – especially in Tennessee, where voters protected in the state constitution their rights to freedom of association when it comes to the decision to participate in a union.

But employee freedoms still face opposition, notably in Illinois where a constitutional amendment, equally and opposite to Tennessee's, has encroached on the Right to Work.

I shared with you earlier in the year in honor of our 50th Anniversary, each month we would showcase a policy that has worked to keep states competitive. This month we unveil our first video on "Worker Freedom," highlighting ALEC's 50 years of trusted policy solutions.

[Read more about ALEC's history of championing worker freedom.](#)

These regressive changes in Illinois are the antithesis of the prosperous reforms made by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and a stalwart group of state legislators who implemented important safeguards against boundless union bargaining with public employees.



Always key to our strategic vision is ALEC's ability to monitor and respond to developments in state legislatures across the country. With the laboratories of state legislation in full-swing, and motions on these critical reforms short at hand, it is crucial that policy leaders organize for action.

And today, I'm thrilled to share with you that registration opens tomorrow for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. Led by the country's top policy experts and state legislators representing all 50 states, the ALEC Annual Meeting is the epicenter of policy development.

[Learn more](#) about attending the ALEC Annual Meeting in Orlando, July 26 - 28, 2023. Join your colleagues from across the country at this can't miss event to learn, debate and promote policy solutions to take back to your home state.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and in the meantime, we're keeping up with the great work you do.

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Dear Jake,

How do you build a future worth fighting for?

As you know, America's success depends on the quality of our education and the health of thriving free markets. Last week we met with our ALEC National Chairman, Representative Daniel Perez (Florida) and our Board of Directors to discuss some of the issues legislatures are grappling with as sessions come to close for the year.

Discussions on education, fiscal conservatism, and environmental, social

and governance investing (ESG) were highlighted where the government has overreached and overregulated. There continues to be a need to develop trusted solutions that enable a better future for our citizens and stronger coalitions who will support effective policies.

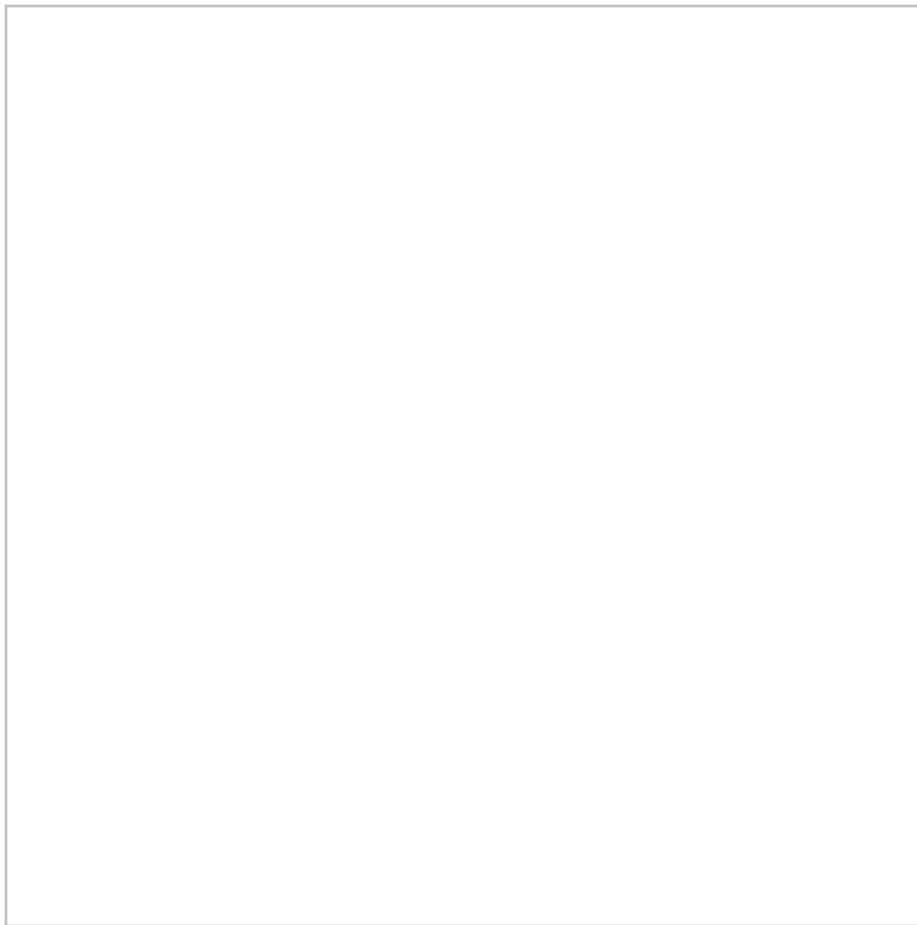
In honor of our 50th Anniversary, ALEC made a commitment to expand our policy education to all 50 states. We've made remarkable progress already. So far, we've held in-person meetings with state officials in 42 states – far-exceeding our May benchmark for our 50-state strategy for ALEC's 50-year anniversary.

Expanding ALEC's presence in the states has produced scores of significant policy wins – including universal education savings accounts (ESAs), a flat tax revolution, and historic deregulation efforts. And we're especially encouraged to see more progress on tort reform in the states. 2023 is poised to be a very critical year in terms of positive impact.

You may recall, ALEC started some of our work on tort reform more than 30 years ago. Since then, ALEC's Civil Justice Task Force has connected state lawmakers and legal experts to help one another restore fairness and predictability in the domain of civil justice.

ALEC members have developed dozens of model policies to protect the legal system from frivolous litigation which cripples businesses' ability to innovate, employ and foster economic prosperity. ALEC's success has helped states restore fairness and justice in their civil justice systems, driving down economic costs from an overly litigious America.

If you'd like to learn more about ALEC's efforts on tort reform, you may value this video. Just released is our [THIRD video](#) of our 50th anniversary series: 50 Years of Trusted Policy Solutions.



ALEC is proud to commemorate its 50th year with scores of legislative reforms. We look forward to celebrating a new generation of policy makers for the next 50 years.

We'll be recognizing *ALEC's 50 Under 50* at our 50th Anniversary Gala. Do you know someone under 50 who is dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism? Please consider nominating a public sector leader for [ALEC's 50 Under 50](#).

While bold leadership in the statehouse can produce amazing results, it is never easy to do alone and we want to be sure to build the bond across the country of our fearless leaders. That's how we build for the future!

As always, please keep in touch and let me know if you would like the ALEC team to visit your state.

All the best,



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ALEC on the Road

ALEC staff started the week in Jefferson City, MO where Lee Schalk, Vice President of Policy, and Bill Dumais, Legislative Outreach Manager, along with ALEC Regional Policy Officer and former Speaker of the House Tim Jones, met with members of the legislature as they enter the final two weeks of session. ALEC - in partnership with Americans for Tax Reform and several other groups - hosted a membership and policy reception featuring special guest speaker, Grover Norquist. This week,

Missouri House of Representatives passed a \$1.6 billion tax cut – the largest in the House's history. We applaud Representative Ben Baker for his stewardship in sponsoring policies that promote ALEC principles.



ALEC also hosted an issue briefing with North Carolina to highlight the importance of universal education freedom. North Carolina is poised to become the fifth state this year, and seventh state overall, to pass a universal education scholarship account (ESA) program.

ALEC Board of Directors members – North Carolina Representative Jason Saine and West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker – and our friends at EdChoice joined ALEC's Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director, Andrew Handel, in leading the briefing.

Gabriella Uli, Legislative and Engagement Manager, and Jonathan Williams, Executive Vice President of Policy, and ALEC Chief Economist had the honor of speaking with our South Carolina Delegation at the South Carolina State House- where they discussed ideas on economic opportunity and lessons from Rich States Poor States.



We extend our gratitude to State Chair and Representative Jeff Johnson and former ALEC Board Member Garry Smith for their contributions to the successful day.

ALEC Webinars

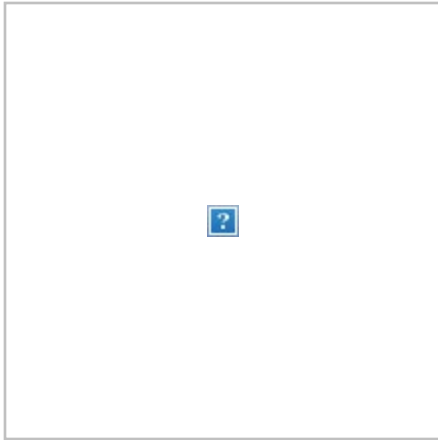


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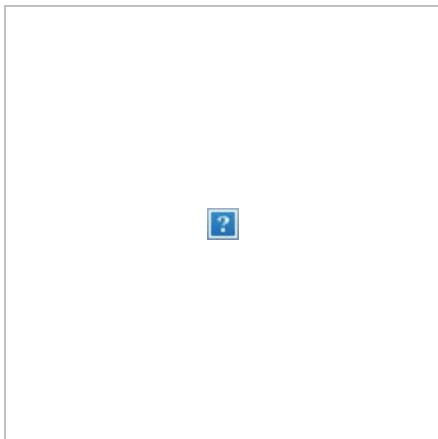
North Carolina Ranks Second in Economic Outlook: Jonathan Williams on WNCT 9 News

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke Sarah Gray Barr of North Carolina's WNCT 9 stations about the economic outlook of North Carolina based on the findings of the latest edition of Rich States, Poor States report. The report is aimed at lawmakers and legislators. **Watch now.**



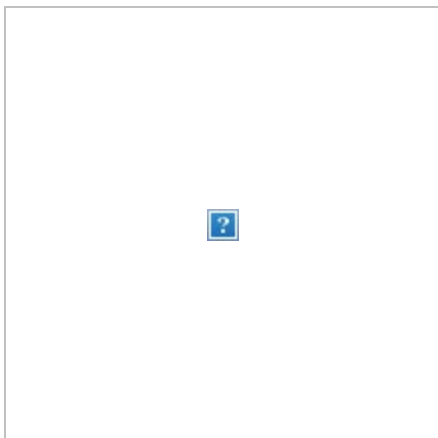
Here's The Key To Solving Violent Crime: Lisa B. Nelson and Ja'Ron Smith in The Daily Caller

ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson co-authored a guest column in The Daily Caller with Ja'Ron Smith, Partner at Dentons Global Advisors and Head of the Public Safety Solutions for America Coalition, highlighting the benefits of community-centered policing in solving violent crime and improving relations between neighborhood residents and law enforcement. [**Read more.**](#)



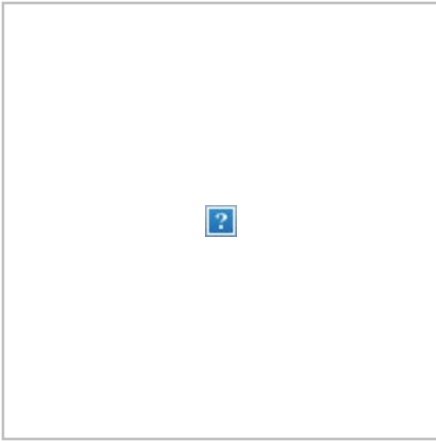
Protecting Workers in the Free State of Florida

ALEC will be hosting its 50th Annual Meeting in Florida later this year, and with it will come the quintessential ALEC forums for exchanging and debating solid state policy solutions. Florida is already proving itself a perfect host as its legislature considers reforms aimed at fostering economic growth and protecting workers' rights. [**Read more.**](#)



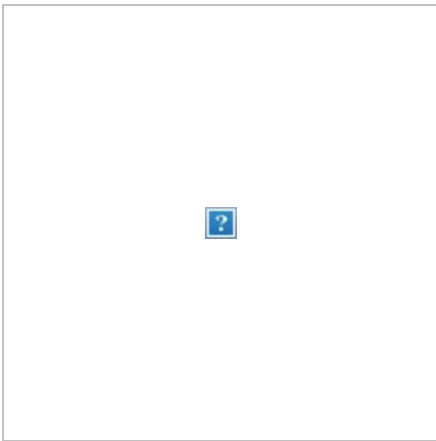
CalPERS and CalSTRS Know Fossil Fuel Divestment is a Recipe for Disaster

In the Golden State, the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) are waking up to the fact that divestment hurts retirees and taxpayers. [**Read more.**](#)



The “Greedflation” Myth and the Real Reasons Behind Higher Grocery Prices: Joe Trotter in The Washington Times

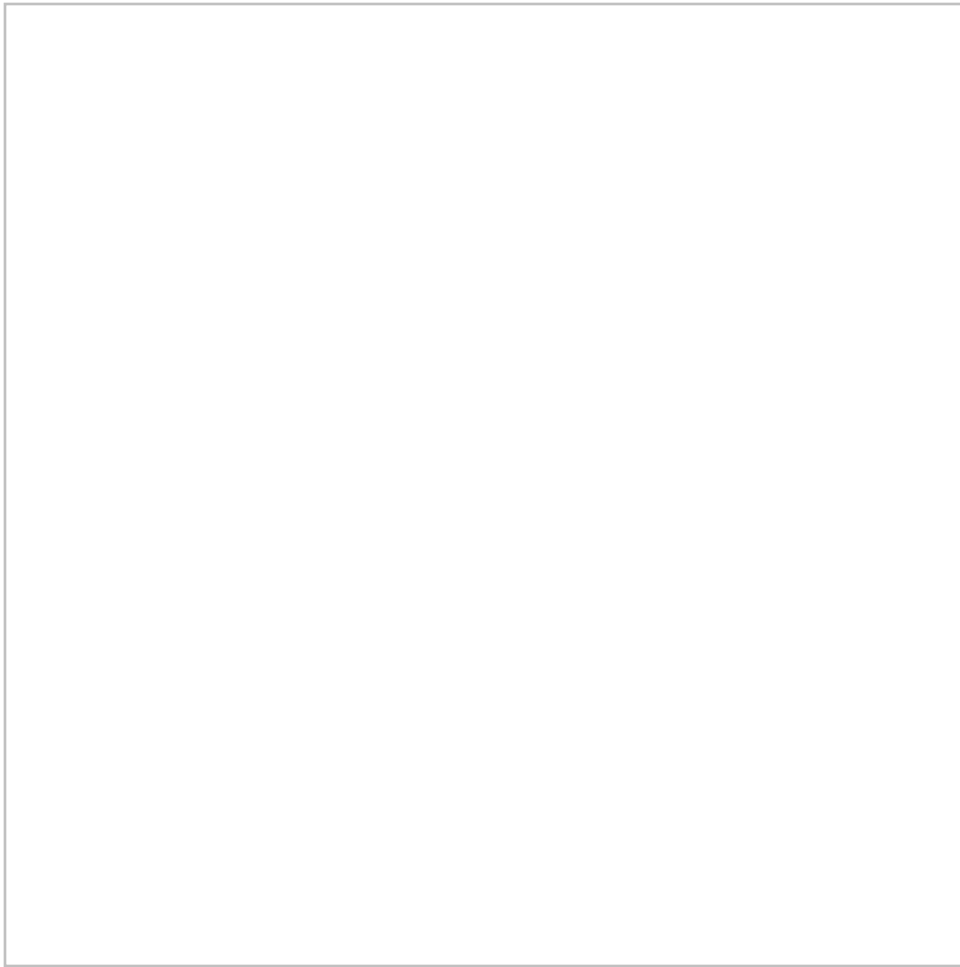
Joe Trotter, ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director, recently spoke with The Washington Times about the rise in grocery prices and the recent “greedflation” phenomenon. [**Read more.**](#)



North Dakota Achieves Extraordinary Pension Reform

On April 29, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum signed a historic pension reform bill into law protecting public employees and taxpayers from growing unfunded liabilities. [**Read more.**](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting



Join us July 26-28, 2023, in Orlando, Florida for ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting.

Register now to take advantage of discounted registration rates. Early Bird Registration rates end May 31st.

Legislative members receive \$200 off the standard Annual Meeting registration rate.

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**Disorder in the Court: ALEC's
Success on Civil Justice Reform**



[Watch our next video](#) from the 50th anniversary series, “Disorder in the Court,” featuring former Civil Justice Task Force Chairs Mark Behrens and Victor Schwartz, along with Nino Marchese, discussing the impact ALEC’s Civil Justice Task Force has had on legal reform in the states throughout the years.

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From: [Jake Morabito](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Communications and Technology Task Force: Newsletter and 30-Day Draft Model Policy and Agenda for ALEC Annual Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 2:45:53 PM



Dear Jake,

The **50th ALEC Annual Meeting** kicks off in just four weeks! Dozens of model policies across all policy areas were submitted for consideration at this year's meeting, and the Communications and Technology (CAT) Task Force will consider a wide range of proposals addressing timely tech and telecom priorities in the states.

Click [here](#) to see the Communications and Technology Task Force draft model policy that will be up for discussion at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting as well as our task force meeting agenda.

You can view all model policies being considered at the meeting [here](#).



Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Thursday, June 29:** Registration rates increase to on-site pricing
- **Monday, July 17:** Member deadline for selecting task force assignments
- **Tuesday, July 18: Virtual CAT Task Force Subcommittee Meeting.** This is the first opportunity for task force members to hear policy presentations and debate the model policies that will be considered in Orlando. You must be registered for the 50th Annual Meeting by Friday, July 14 to attend the virtual subcommittee meetings.
- **Wednesday, July 26 @ 10:30 AM: Task Force Townhall.**

Connect with your public and private sector task force chairs, the ALEC Policy Team, and fellow task force members to learn more about each of the ALEC Task Forces, the ALEC model policy process, and preview the task force meeting agenda.

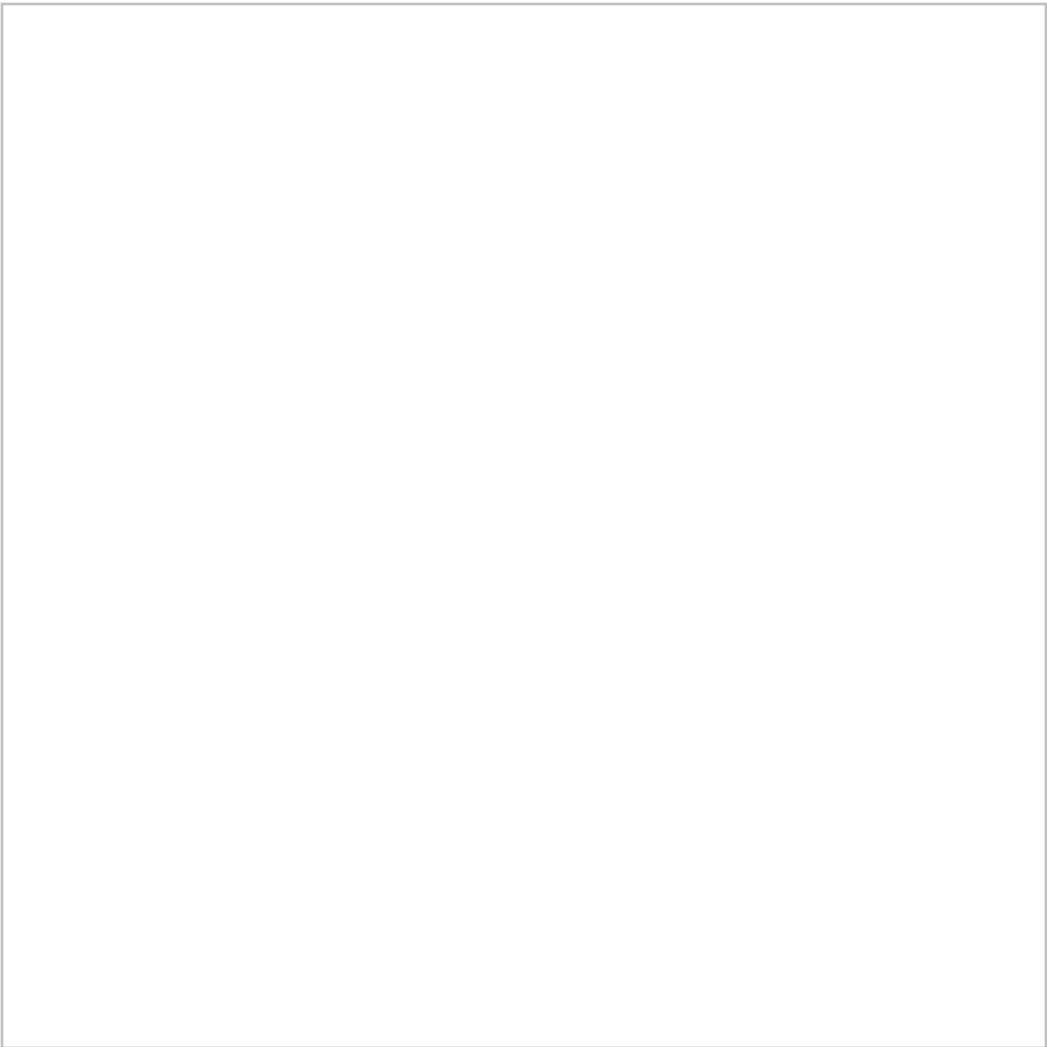
- **Friday, July 28 from 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM: Communications and Technology Task Force Meeting.** Task force members will vote on model policies introduced by the 45-day deadline and participate in robust policy discussions with industry experts and thought leaders. If you are interested in presenting on a topic at the virtual or full meeting, please reach out to me ASAP because space is limited.

If you have not already done so, [register for the ALEC Annual Meeting today](#) to make sure you can weigh in on draft model policies covering artificial intelligence regulation, social media and online safety, data privacy and law enforcement access to data, and more state-based solutions that address real-world problems in the states.

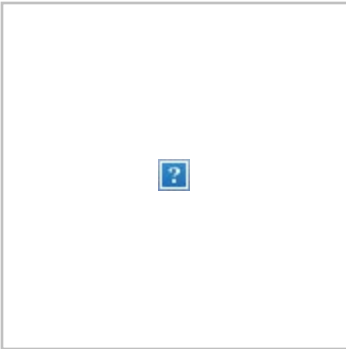
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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

All the best,



Communications and Technology Task Force News



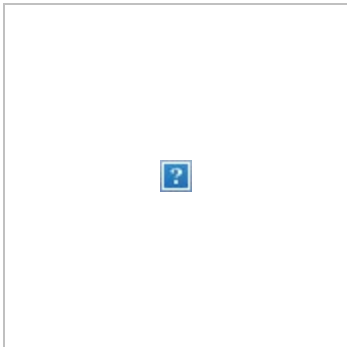
[VIDEO: ALEC Urges Biden Administration to Support Private Sector Leadership on AI Trust and Accountability](#)

On June 12, 2023, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) filed regulatory comments responding to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s “AI Accountability Policy Request for Comment.” ALEC highlights three foundational principles that NTIA and the Administration should adopt in any upcoming rules, regulations, or guidance on artificial intelligence policy. **[Watch Now.](#)**



[VIDEO: Artificial Intelligence Accountability: Jake Morabito Commentary on NTIA's AI Accountability Policy](#)

CAT Task Force Director Jake Morabito sat down with ALEC's Lars Dalseide to discuss our recent regulatory filing on AI and how a market-led, limited government approach will foster trust and accountability in AI systems. **[Watch Now.](#)**



[AI Is Used Widely, But Lawmakers Have Set Few Rules: Jake Morabito in Stateline](#)

Jake Morabito, ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director, was featured in Stateline to discuss recent actions on artificial intelligence taken in states such as Connecticut and Vermont. "Governments should collaborate with industry and not come at it with this adversarial approach," said Morabito. "Allow the market to lead here ... a lot of private sector players want to do the right thing and build a trustworthy AI ecosystem." **[Read More.](#)**

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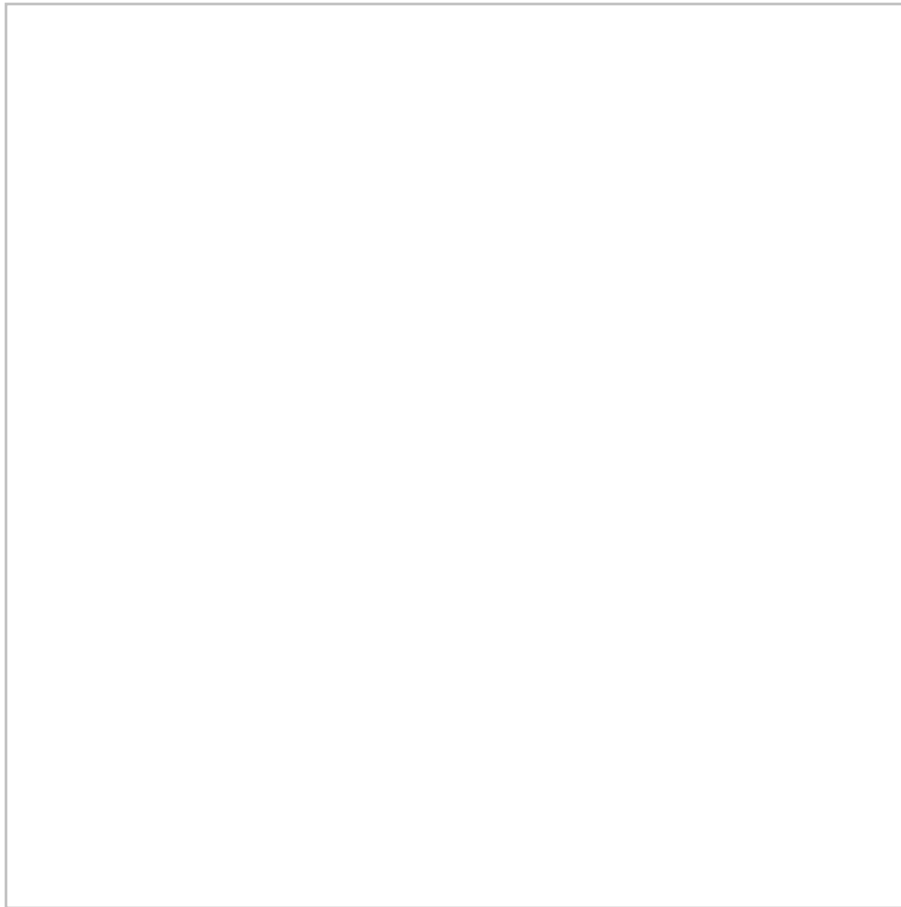


February Legislators of the Month



It is our pleasure to award **Utah Representative Candice Pierucci** and **Utah Senator Kirk Cullimore** as our State Legislators of the Month. These exceptional leaders helped deliver education opportunity for all Utah children and have been champions of ALEC. [Read more.](#)

ALEC's History of Championing Worker Freedom

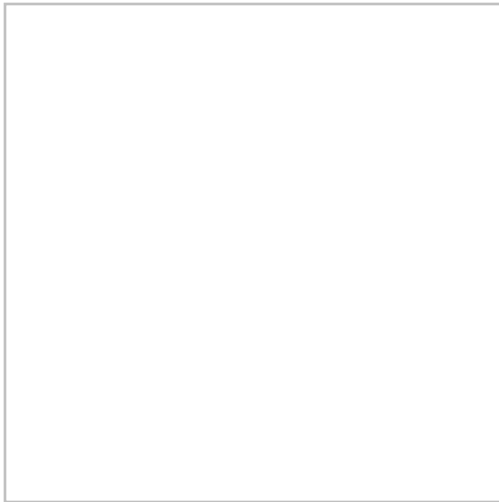


In honor of our 50th Anniversary, each month we are showcasing a policy that has worked to keep states competitive. This month we unveil our first video on "Worker Freedom," highlighting ALEC's 50 years of trusted policy solutions.

[Read more about ALEC's history of championing worker freedom.](#)

These regressive changes in Illinois are the antithesis of the prosperous reforms made by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and a stalwart group of state legislators who implemented important safeguards against boundless union bargaining with public employees.

50th ALEC Annual Meeting

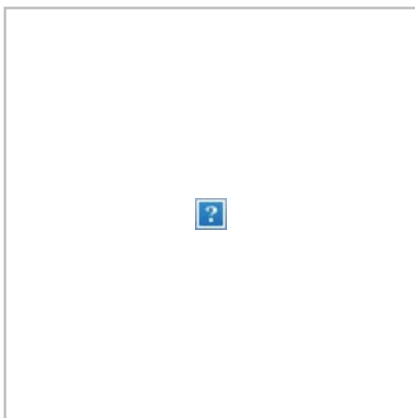


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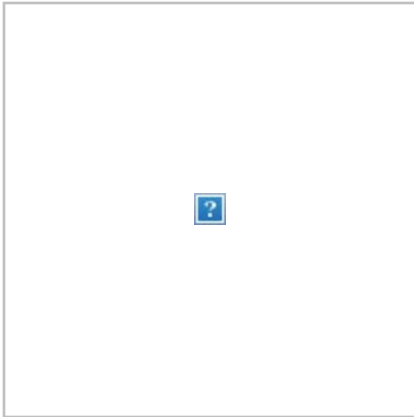
This year marks our 50th Anniversary celebrating 50 years of trusted policy solutions that benefit all Americans. We are looking forward to celebrating this anniversary throughout the year, and we can't wait to gather together at the **JW Marriott, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida** for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting.

ALEC Commentary



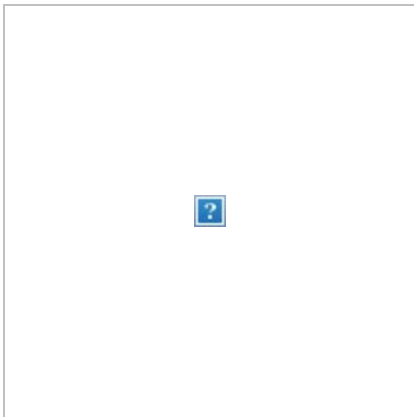
Arkansas Becomes Fifth State with Universal Education Opportunity. Which State Will be Next?

Arkansas families are celebrating today as Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders has signed the [Learning, Empowerment, Accountability, Readiness, Networking, and School Safety \(LEARNs\) Plan](#) into law. ALEC applauds Governor Sanders and legislative champions like ALEC Board Member, Senator Jim Dotson for securing this victory on behalf of Arkansas parents, families and teachers. [Read more.](#)



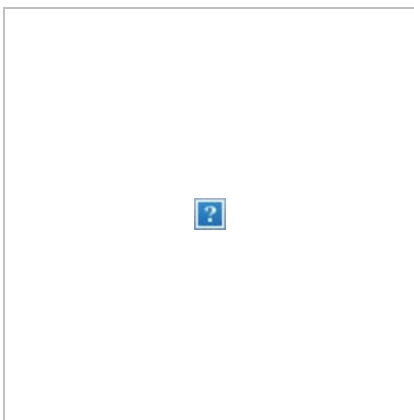
The 340B Program and State Mandates

The federal 340B program has been widely criticized in recent years for its lack of transparency, fraud and failure to pass savings along to the patients it was designed to help. [Read more.](#)



The Electrification Agenda: Separating Fantasy from Reality

As our reliance on electricity grows due to a mix of market forces and government intervention, our ability to reliably generate it is increasingly diminished by poor policy choices that threaten the wellbeing of Americans. [Read more.](#)



Congress Votes to Keep Politics Out of Pensions

These identical resolutions state that Congress disapproves of a new Department of Labor rule that allows pension plan managers to incorporate politics into their investment decisions. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming ALEC Webinars

TODAY, March 9 at 02:00 PM EST

Cannabis Working Group Virtual Meeting

The Cannabis Working Group hosts discussions with leading policy experts on how tax structures, criminal justice systems, commerce and economic development, healthcare and the medical industry, and our nation's agriculture and environment are all affected by the shifting policy landscape across the states.

[Register Now](#)

Thursday, March 16 at 2:00 PM EST

Traditional vs. Deregulated Electric Markets – A Primer

On March 16th, ALEC will be hosting a webinar on the differences between traditional electric markets and deregulated electric markets. This discussion will provide an opportunity for attendees to understand how each market structure impacts electric rates, reliability, and ultimately customers. Please join us for a discussion on this critically important topic that is being debated in several states across the country.

[Register Now](#)

Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 PM EST

CIED Housing and Land Use Working Group

Join the CIED Task Force's Housing and Land Use Working Group for an open discussion about reforms to increase the affordable housing supply in the states. Guest speakers will address reforms including rent control litigation, eliminating parking minimums, and housing vouchers.

[Register Now](#)

ALEC in the States

Last week, ALEC traveled to Topeka,



Kansas, where we hosted a luncheon at the State Capitol with nearly 60 legislators. Thanks to our gracious State Chairs, Senator Erickson and Speaker Hawkins, and ALEC Board Member Senate President Masterson, we had a successful day reconvening with current members and meeting newly elected legislators.

During our visit, we discussed the state's positive economic outlook and ways ALEC can offer legislative support. For example, legislators can visit our [ALEC model policy library](#), which aims to guide on issues legislators are working on during session. Legislators can also submit model policies on issues they are passionate about, like education and the environment. Working on model policy is one of the many ways we enjoy supporting the Kansas delegation.

Employment Opportunities

ALEC Summer Internship Program

Do you know anyone interested in limited government, free markets, and federalism? Who is also a recent grad, or an undergrad or graduate student? You do? Are they looking to learn more about Policy, Events, Development, Public Affairs or Finance? Great!

ALEC is now accepting applications for the ALEC Summer Internship Program starting May 31st. [Apply here.](#)

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ALEC has a diverse team with a wide variety of professional background. We would love to have you and your skills here on our team. [View our openings today!](#)

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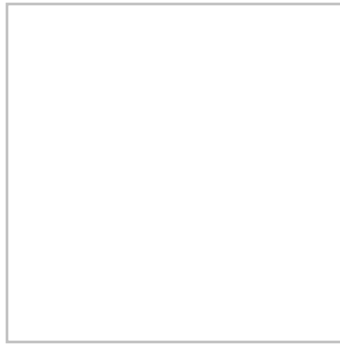
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ALEC Legislator of the Month

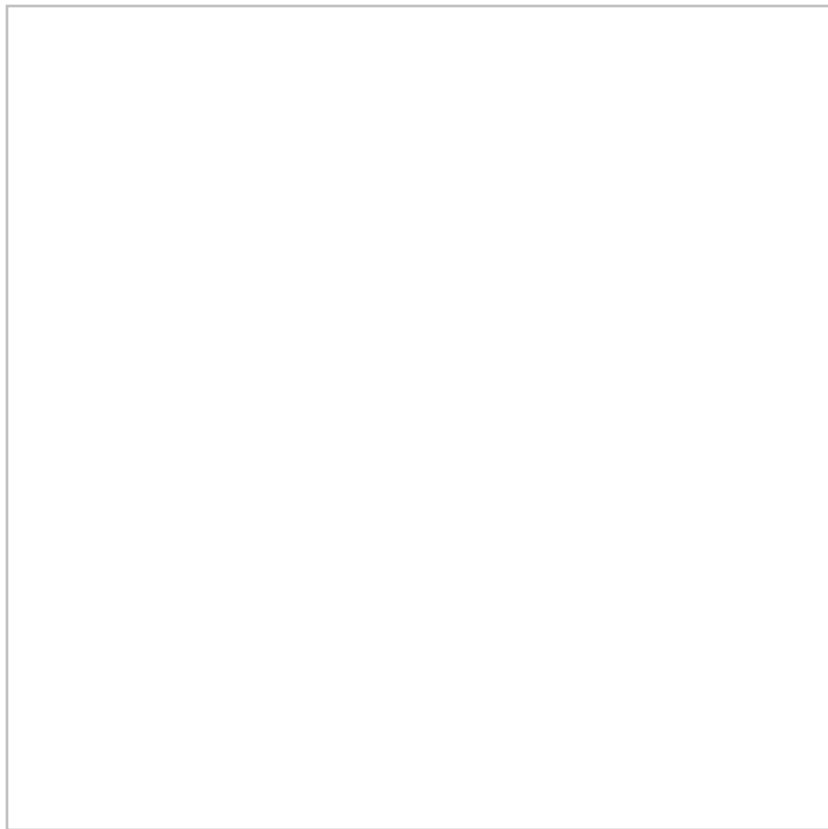


Florida Speaker Paul Renner

We are pleased to announce that the State Legislator of the Month award goes to Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Paul Renner, an outstanding legislator who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to Florida's legislation. As Speaker of the House, he has prioritized fiscal responsibility, improved the state's education system, and promoted economic growth and job opportunities, garnering national attention for his efforts.

[Read More](#)

Peterson Prize Deadline July 1st



There is one month remaining to nominate a nonprofit for the 5th annual Gregor G. Peterson Prize in Venture Philanthropy. This is a \$250,000 grant, paid out over three years, that strives to give early-stage nonprofits room to build and scale quicker, or an existing nonprofit with a new initiative the change to launch a new endeavor. If you know of an eligible nonprofit, please take a moment to nominate them [here](#).

ALEC Webinars

Friday, June 9th: Model Policy Webinar at 2:00 PM EST

ALEC prides itself as a resource for trusted policy solutions. Our ALEC members are at the forefront of these issues and it is through collaboration that the development of these policies are effective. As part of your member benefits, we have added model policy submission to the ALEC member portal - ALEC Connect. Join us for a [webinar](#), featuring the new model policy submission process and more!

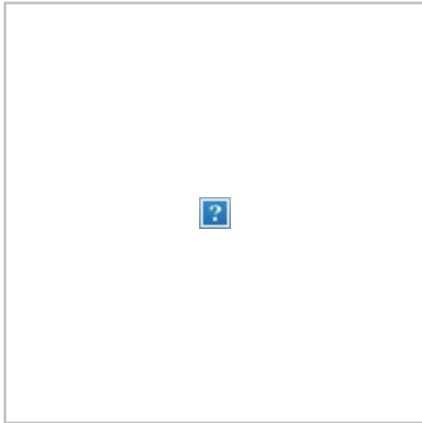
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ALEC on the Road



Karla Jones, Senior Director, Federalism and International Relations Task Forces, and ALEC FL State Chair, Representative Spencer Roach, traveled to Munich, Germany last week for the International Munich Federalism Days conference hosted by the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

ALEC Commentary

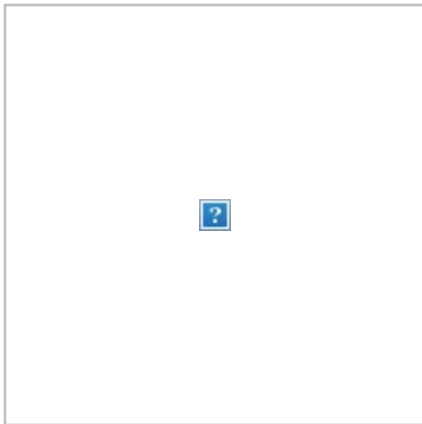
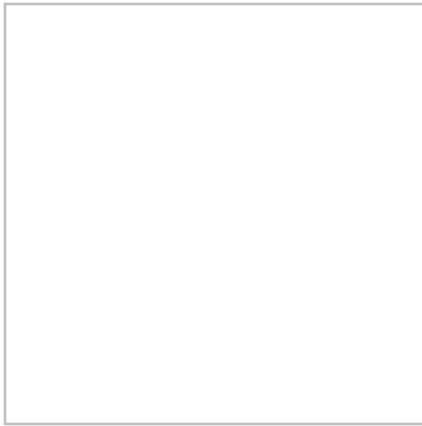


TikTok Update: More State Legislative Activity and Legal Challenges

In total, at least 36 states have taken steps to restrict TikTok in some form. Six states in total have taken legislative action on TikTok, eight state governors signed executive orders, and 22 more governors used their existing authority to restrict TikTok across executive agencies or impose more limited restrictions in some but not all agencies. [**Read more.**](#)

New State Laws Keeping Politics Out of Pensions

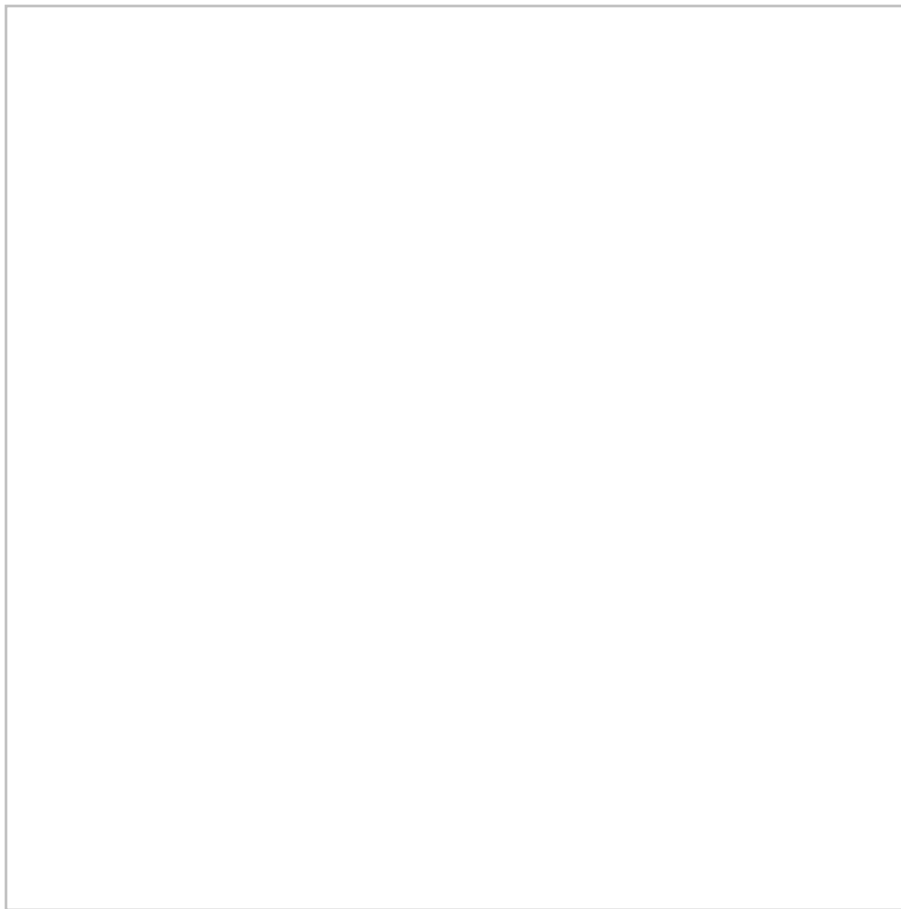
A growing number of the "50 Laboratories of Democracy" are leading the way in keeping politics out of pensions - protecting pension beneficiaries and taxpayers alike. [**Read more.**](#)



Economic Success in New Mexico & Beyond: Jonathan Williams on The Rio Grande Foundation

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and Vice President of Policy spoke with Paul Gessing of the Rio Grande Foundation about The 16th edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index and how New Mexico is performing when compared to other states. [**Read more.**](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting



Join ALEC in Orlando, Florida, to strategize with America's top state policymakers from July 26 - 28.

You'll build a network of policymakers and industry experts, grow your knowledge of limited government solutions, and expand your influence in your state's legislative process.

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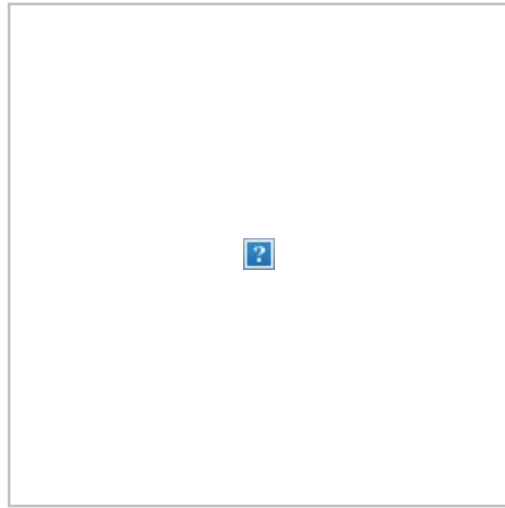
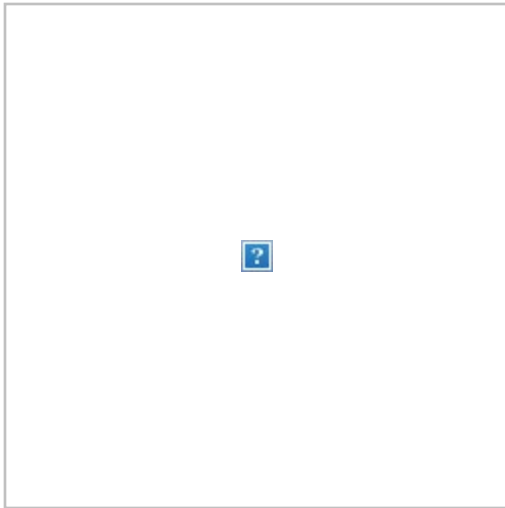
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Dear Jake,

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Our annual conferences are where we join together with our colleagues from around the country, learn about the solutions others are adopting in their home states, have open debates about policy prescriptions, and hear about best practices for tackling the most pressing policy issues. [Will we see you there?](#)

Register Now

Registration opens today for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting! Early bird rates will end on May 31, 2023 so make your plans today and save on your registration fees.

As in the past, our event is family-friendly, so bring the entire family to Orlando for an unforgettable experience. Don't forget to register your kids for the [ALEC Kid's Congress program!](#) If you're looking for fun things to do in Orlando, be sure to check out Universal CityWalk, Old Town in Kissimmee, ICON Park (with its famous observation wheel), Lake Nona Sculpture Garden, and, of course, water parks. Orlando is home to some of America's biggest theme parks.

Check out the VisitOrlando page [here](#) to learn more about the exciting things to do in Orlando, FL!

Want to know what to expect? View the current agenda [here](#) for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. Check back often as we are continually updating the details.

Still deciding if you want to join us in Orlando? Take a minute to look back on the 2022 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia with this [short video](#) highlighting last year's event.



If you would like to support the ALEC Annual Meeting as either a sponsor or an exhibitor, please reach out to our Events Team at meetings@alec.org. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis!

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
Vice President of Events

[Register Today!](#)

Other Upcoming Events



It is never too early to begin thinking about our upcoming gala to celebrate the ALEC 50th Anniversary. Our ability to share ideas and inspire change is evident by the decades that ALEC has been around. **Mark your calendars for October 4th in DC at the National Portrait Gallery!**



Mark your calendars for the **ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit, November 28 – November 30, 2023** in **Scottsdale, AZ!** ALEC members and friends will gather for discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the Summit will open in the fall of 2023.

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To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Educational Freedom and Opportunity
Date: Sunday, September 3, 2023 10:10:48 AM



Dear Jake,

As fall approaches, two important events that resonate with the core of the American spirit are on the horizon. First and foremost is the unveiling of ALEC's latest model policies. And second – as children start the new school year – is the resurgence of the drive for educational freedom, a cause that should strike a chord with every parent and policymaker as our little ones – and not-so-little ones – return to the halls of learning.

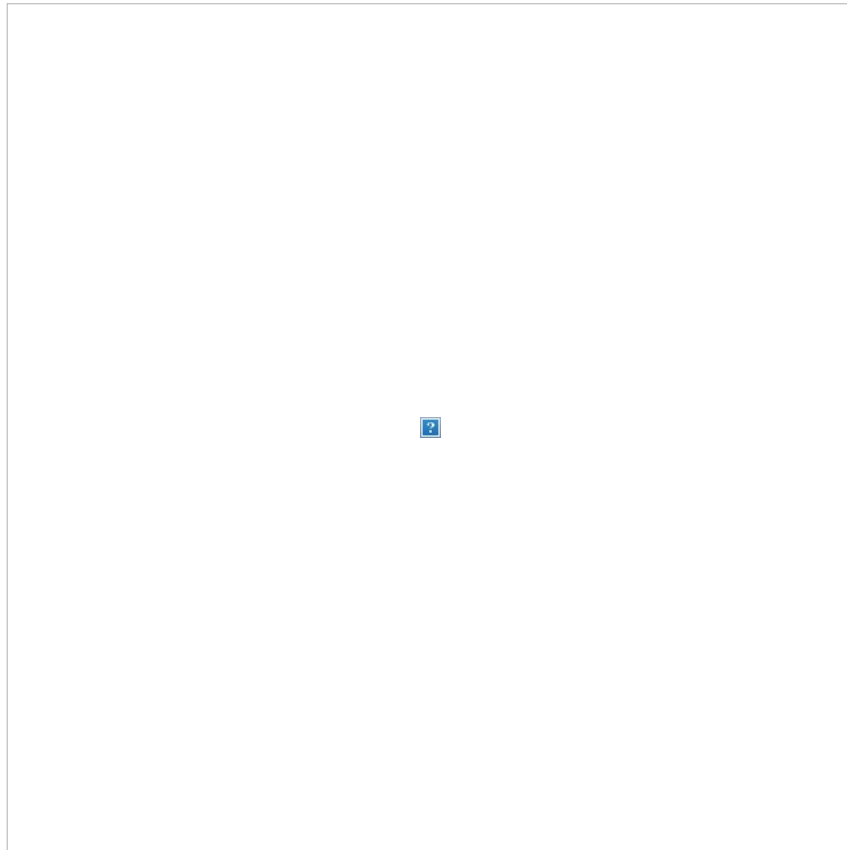
I've always held a sense of pride in ALEC's ability over the past 50 years to provide trusted policy solutions to the critical issues facing our country. Following our Annual Meeting in Orlando, ALEC officially adopted [23 new model policies](#) on issues ranging from ranked-choice voting (RCV) and artificial intelligence (AI) to central bank digital currency (CBDC) and politicized investment strategies like ESG. Our model policies are sure to resonate with the pulse of the nation.

While the federal machinery of higher taxes and strangling regulations churns on, it is left to the states to stand as a beacon of hope and leadership. ALEC members, who have earned the trust of the American people, have answered that call and responded with visionary policies that stand guard over our freedoms. Especially when it comes to education.

As a parent and new grandparent, I know what it's like to imagine the best for our children and their future. The hope for the best, the dream of accomplishment, and the fear of everything standing in their way. These are not dreams to be left to the whims of bureaucrats driven by ivory-towered principles. Rather it is the sacred duty of every parent and local community to navigate. The notion that distant voices in Washington should dictate the lessons and instructions our children receive is a departure from our

cherished principles of federalism. The place for educational decision-making should rest firmly within the states.

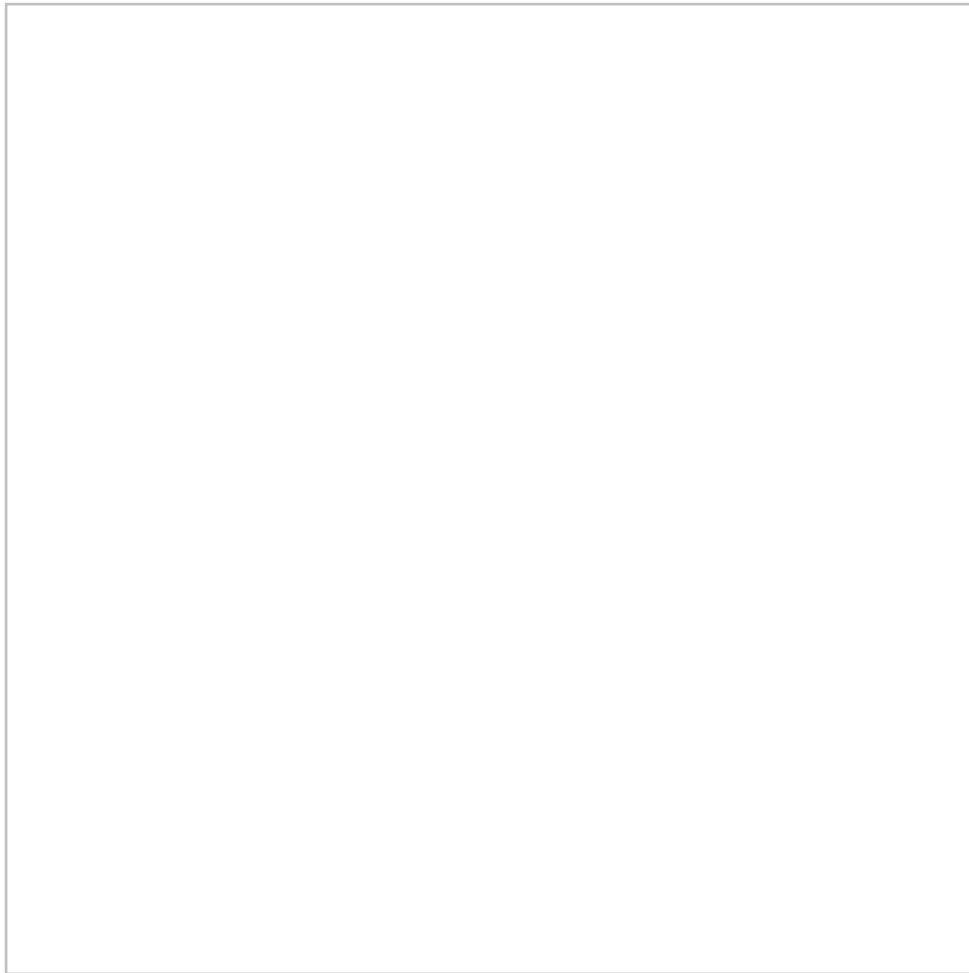
Educational freedom and opportunity are the very essence of our mission. The dedication of ALEC to this noble cause is unwavering, and the influence of our members in this arena is both profound and undeniable. That's why the latest installment in our [50th Anniversary video series](#) focuses on our work over the years and success in the realm of education.



All across our great nation, parents are raising their voices to call for alternatives to the current educational offerings. Thanks to the courage of legislators like Arizona Speaker of the House Ben Toma, West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker, Iowa Speaker Pro Tem John Wills, and many more, the states are raising the banner of universal education freedom, paving the way for a brighter future.

Working hand in hand with esteemed partners like the Center for Education Reform, Stride, Lifelong Learning, Stand Together, EdChoice and many more, this movement is sweeping the nation, fueled by the passion of parents and students who demand the best education.

In the last three years alone, that educational freedom momentum can be found in:



By the year 2025, we envision 25 states embracing universal education freedom policies, placing authority where it rightfully belongs – in the hands of parents. Let us not merely brush the door ajar; let us blast it open with such force that every parent across this land is free to chart a course that fulfills their child's aspirations.

You also might have noticed a [recent OpEd in the Wall Street Journal](#) co-authored by ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform Research Director Thomas Savidge and ALEC Health & Human Service Senior Task Force Director Brooklyn Roberts. If you haven't, you can [read it here](#). In a nutshell, the piece asks if the expansion of Medicaid under ACA could mean bigger bills for the states after the federal government lost its AAA credit rating.

Before closing, a quick reminder about our [50th Anniversary Gala](#), set for October 4th at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. This celebration, five decades in the making, pays homage to the steadfast leaders who have forged the course of American governance by applying our shared principles of limited government, free markets and federalism. And it also recognizes the leadership of the future with our **50 Under 50** who will be showcased at the event.

We need you there. We want you there. And, if you have the time, we'd love to thank you in person for all the years of your support.

Please, [join us for this historic occasion](#), as we honor history, salute innovation, and reaffirm our commitment to the bedrock principles that anchor our democracy.

Best,



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From: [Karla Jones](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
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Dear Jake,

We look forward to seeing you at our [50th ALEC Annual Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL from July 26-28! From how best to manage US-China relations to Switzerland as a source for fiscal reforms for states and the nation to the war in Ukraine to Title IX's corrosive effect on federalism, the most pressing challenges facing all of us will be discussed at the joint Federalism & International Relations and Homeland Security Task Force meeting on **Friday, July 28**.

Click [here](#) to see the Federalism & International Relations and Homeland

Security Task Force draft model policy that will be up for discussion at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting as well as our task force meeting agenda.

You can view all model policies being considered at the conference [here](#).



Important Deadlines:

- **Thursday, June 29:** Registration rates increase to on-site pricing
- **Friday, July 14:** Deadline to register for the ALEC Annual Meeting in order to attend the **VIRTUAL** subcommittee meetings*
- **Monday, July 17:** Member deadline for selecting task force assignments
- **Wednesday, July 19:** Homeland Security Subcommittee (Virtual)*

Thursday, July 20: Federalism and International Relations
Subcommittee (Virtual)*

- **Friday, July 28 from 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM: JOINT** Federalism and International Relations/Homeland Security Task Force Meeting at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting

*Reminder, all subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from July 18 to July 21. Be sure to register by July 14 to receive the details on joining the meetings.

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Join us as we continue to develop solutions for the real-world problems faced by the states and the country.

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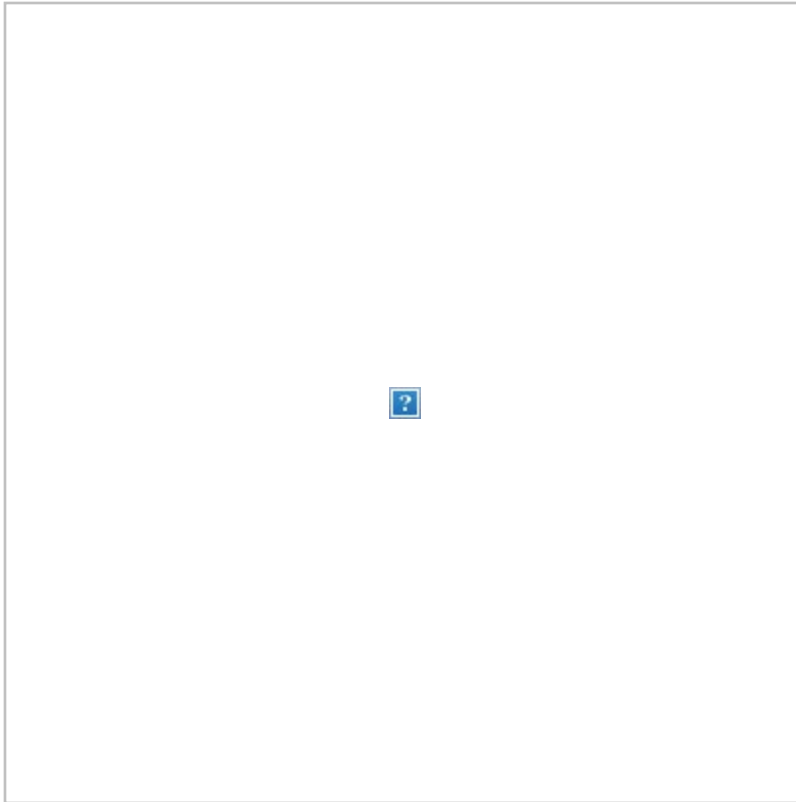
Dear Jake,

Many thanks to those members who submitted model policy for last week's 45 - day deadline! We're just five weeks out from ALEC's Annual Meeting in **Orlando, Florida July 26-28**, and your leadership and interest ensure that the joint Federalism, Homeland Security, and International Relations Task Forces will discuss some of the most consequential issues currently facing the states and nation. If you haven't already, register [here](#). On June 27, you will receive the 30-Day notification with a Task Force Meeting agenda and the model policies to be considered – we look forward to seeing you at the conference!

We're strengthening existing networks and

making new friends!

FIR member FL Representative Spencer Roach addressed American Federalism on a panel at the Hanns Seidel Foundation's Federalism Days Conference in Bavaria. With attendees from around the world, views and ideas were exchanged on a wide range of subjects from Israel's governing challenges to the war in Ukraine to South American border security.



ALEC also met with high-level Members of the European Parliament.



It was a pleasure to welcome Karla Jones, Senior Director of the @ALEC_states Task Force on International Relations today in the @Europarl_EN and continue our discussion on transatlantic relations and further cooperation.

Read the full Tweet [here](#).

They want to hear from you!

Europeans are often baffled by the way we Americans do things, so in the interest of enhancing transatlantic communication, [**The European Conservative**](#), Europe's premier, conservative English-language quarterly journal is inviting ALEC members to author articles that provide an American perspective on policy and practices that mystify our EU friends. The debt ceiling debate, the Inflation Reduction Act and its Make It in America provisions, the Electoral College are just a few potential submission topics. Contact me at kjones@alec.org if you are interested in submitting an article to them.

On the horizon....

The **ALEC Defending the States Academy** will take place **October 24-26** in Colorado! This Academy will explore how states can protect themselves from Chinese government threats, interference, and influence. Let me know if you are interested in participating.



ALEC Annual Meeting

In Orlando, the Task Forces will host an **International Reception** the evening of **Thursday, July 27** with very special guests from overseas.

At the Task Force Meeting the morning of **Friday, July 28**, we'll hear Switzerland's perspective on the Swiss Debt Brake and about the latest developments in Article V. Watch a 3-part Article V video series that ALEC released this spring featuring Board of Scholars member Rob Natelson [here](#).

Meeting the challenges that China poses both to homeland security and national security will figure prominently at the Task Force Meeting, as well as the war against Ukraine from the point of view of a significant NATO ally. We will consider international trade as one of America's most important soft power assets and how Title IX chips away at American federalism. An important announcement on public lands will be made as well.

Register Now!

ALEC News

As ALEC looks forward to marking its 50th Anniversary, our monthly video series [celebrates 50 years](#) of championing limited government, free markets, and federalism in the states. This month's episode focuses on ALEC's impact on [criminal justice reform](#).

You might remember from last month's newsletter that TECRO gave us a boat to compete in the race at the DC Dragon Boat Festival. Well, I am proud to announce that Team Smart ALECs medaled at the 2023 DC Dragon Boat Festival! Go Team Smart ALECs!

If you have any questions about these items, please let me know.

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Dear Jake,

ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting begins this week with virtual subcommittee meetings, and if you have registered for the conference, you will receive the links needed to participate in them.

- **Virtual Homeland Security Task Force Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, July 19 from 3pmET-5pmET**
- **Virtual Federalism and International Relations Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, July 20 from 11amET-2pmET**

The agenda for the joint meeting of the Federalism & International Relations and Homeland Security Task Forces is very tight, so please attend the subcommittee meetings if you would like to offer amendments to the model policies we will consider at the Annual Meeting. ***Note that the International Reception will take place the evening of Wednesday, July 26.***

Below are resources and background for some of the model policies up for consideration at the joint Federalism & International Relations and Homeland Security Task Force meeting.

- **[Across the States Podcast](#)** with Ambassador Marek Magierowski of Poland on the war in Ukraine.
- Listen to exclusive audio on the Jones Act with Colin Grabow of the Cato Institute on **[ALEC's Across the States](#)** podcast, as well as our **[YouTube channel](#)** and on various streaming platforms such as Apple, Spotify, etc.
- **[Principles for Legislation](#)** Regarding Foreign Ownership of US Real Estate

ALEC's Annual Meeting takes place in **Orlando, Florida July 26-28**, and you may register **[here](#)** for the conference.

Here are some conference task force highlights - we look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday, July 26: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Stopping U.S. Financing of the CCP-How States Play a Part

Public employee pension systems, state-funded universities and colleges, and other state retirement funds are presently holding a sizeable number of Chinese equities and bonds. These investments involve Chinese state-controlled enterprises that fail to comply with basic investor protection standards or federal securities laws and pose significant financial risks to these institutional investors. Join us for a discussion of solutions that seek to protect the integrity, stability, longevity, and value of retirement and endowment systems.

Wednesday, July 26: 4:45 - 5:45 PM

International Reception- ALEC Around the World- *Note date change.*

Before boarding the bus for the Florida Welcome Reception, attend a special International Reception featuring some of our VIP guests from across the Atlantic. Help us extend a warm ALEC welcome to Ambassador Marek Magierowski of Poland who will say a few words about Ukraine, Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud of Switzerland who will

share some insights on America's partnership with his nation and Christian Forstner, Executive Director of the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

Thursday, July 27: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

How States Can Hit the Brakes on Inflation

Discover how the states, acting alone, can replicate the success of the G20 country with the highest GDP per capita, \$88,500, and the second lowest inflation rate of 1.7% in the world ... without cutting spending or raising taxes. This workshop features VIP attendee, Ambassador Pitteloud of Switzerland who will discuss the Swiss Debt Brake.

Thursday, July 27: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Working Group to Discuss China's Acquisition of US Agricultural Land

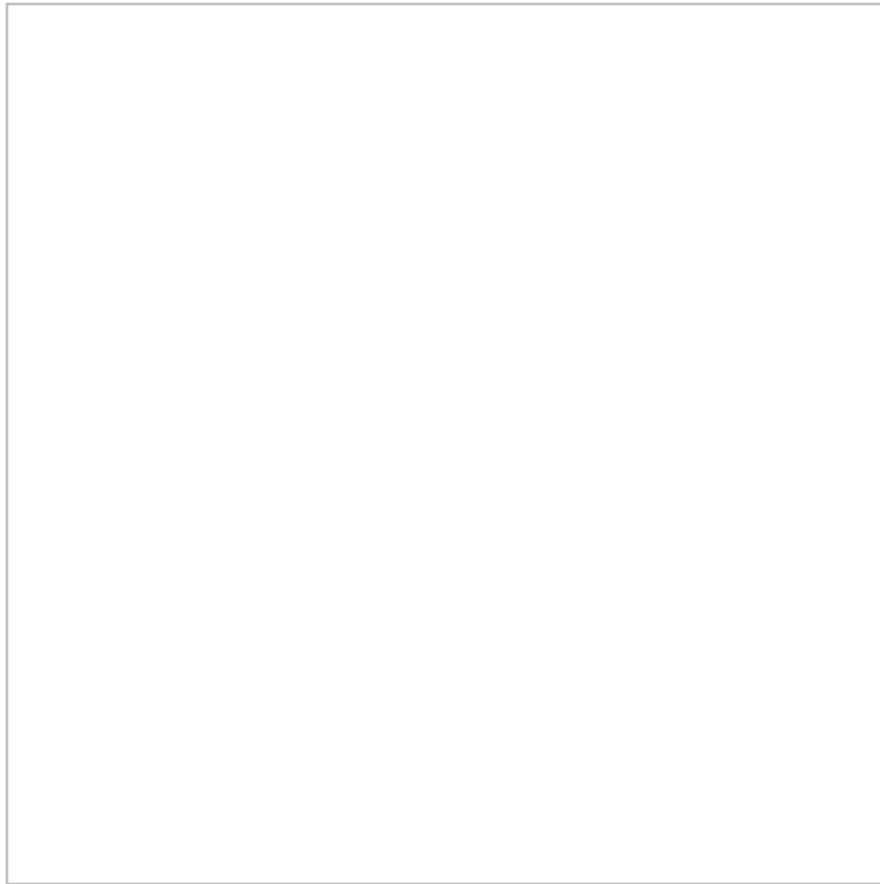
Chinese investors' holdings of US agricultural land surged from 13,720 acres in 2010 to 194,000 acres in 2020. Join us as we discuss appropriate policy responses to this potential national security threat.

Friday, July 28: 9:15 - 12:15 PM

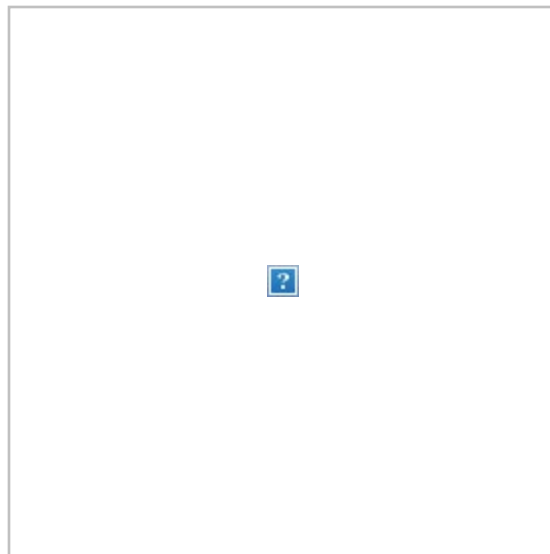
Joint Federalism & International Relations and Homeland Security Task Force Meeting

We're strengthening existing networks and making new friends!

We greeted delegations from: North Macedonia to discuss ways to incorporate greater governmental transparency as well as to address endemic corruption; the UK for a conversation about maximizing the Special Relationship including but not limited to trade; and Bavaria to hear their take on ESG, federalism and investments.



ALEC visited Dover, Delaware to discuss education, energy, and international issues.



They want to hear from you!

Europeans are often baffled by the way we Americans do things, so in the interest of enhancing transatlantic communication, [The European Conservative](#), Europe's premier, conservative English-language quarterly journal is inviting ALEC members to author articles that

provide an American perspective on policy and practices that mystify our EU friends. The debt ceiling debate, the inflation reduction act and its Make It in America provisions, the Electoral College are just a few potential submission topics. Contact me at kjones@alec.org if you are interested in submitting an article to them.

Model Policies that MAY be on our meeting agenda this month include:

- [Safeguard American Votes and Elections Act \(SAVE Act\)](#)
- [Resolution supporting the conclusion of a US-Taiwan Agreement to prevent double taxation;](#)
- [Resolution supporting Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression;](#)
- [Updates to existing model policy opposing the TRIPS Waiver;](#)
- [Jones Act Repeal;](#) and
- Two drafts – each with a slightly different take on how states should address China’s acquisition of agricultural land – [An Act Relating to Prohibiting Contracts or Other Agreements with Certain Foreign-Owned Companies in Connection with Agricultural Land and Restrictions on Foreign Acquisition of Land Act.](#)

We’ve also been granted a dual referral from EEA on the [Act to Prohibit State Procurement of Electric Vehicles with Forced Labor Components.](#)

On the horizon....

The **ALEC Defending the States Academy** will take place **October 24-26** in Colorado! This Academy will explore how states can protect themselves from Chinese government threats, interference, and influence. Let me know if you are interested in participating.

ALEC at 50

Read and watch [ALEC’s Guiding Principle of Federalism – A Uniquely American Governing Construct](#)



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Hi Jake,

It was great seeing old friends and making new ones at ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida last month! For those who couldn't make it, you missed one of the best ALEC meetings ever, however, don't despair because registration for our States and Nation Policy Summit taking place November 28-30, 2023 in Scottsdale, Arizona begins on September 6.

Here's an Annual Meeting Recap....

At ALEC, policy discussions always take center stage, and the model policies considered at our joint task force meeting were drafted to

address some of the most pressing issues facing the states and nation. The following were adopted by the joint FIR/HS member attendees and are awaiting ALEC Board approval.

- [Safeguard American Votes and Elections Act \(SAVE Act\)](#);
- [Resolution supporting the conclusion of a US-Taiwan Agreement to prevent double taxation](#)- dual Referred to the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force
- [Updates to existing model policy opposing the TRIPS Waiver](#);
- [Act to Prohibit State Procurement of Electric Vehicles with Forced Labor Components](#) - dual Referred from the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force

It was determined that these model policies needed further discussion

- Jones Act Repeal; [This model policy was not adopted in the Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force to which it was dual referred, however the joint FIR/HS Task Forces voted in favor of it. A joint FIR/HS/CIED working group will be formed to amend the current model.]
- An Act Relating to Prohibiting Contracts or Other Agreements with Certain Foreign-Owned Companies in Connection with Agricultural Land;
- Restrictions on Foreign Acquisition of Land Act. [These two models will undergo further discussions during subsequent China-Ag Working Group meetings and at the ALEC Defending the States Academy scheduled for October 24-26 in Colorado Springs, CO. Let me know [here](#), if you are interested in participating – the first round of invitations will go out next week.]

Model policy consideration is only one component of the ALEC national conference experience – policy discussions also take place at our workshops and working group meetings.

Workshops and Working Group Meetings

How States Can Hit the Brakes on Inflation

At this innovative Article V workshop, attendees discovered how the states could lead in helping America to replicate the success of Switzerland, the G20 country with the highest GDP per capita –

\$88,500 – and the second lowest inflation rate of 1.7% in the world ... without cutting spending or raising taxes. This workshop featured Ambassador Pitteloud of Switzerland who described how effective the Swiss Debt Brake has been in putting his country's fiscal house in order.

Stopping US Financing of the CCP-How States Play a Part

This well-attended working group meeting featured a discussion of solutions that seek to protect the integrity, stability, longevity, and value of retirement and endowment systems. Public employee pension systems, state-funded universities and colleges, and other state retirement funds are presently holding a sizeable number of Chinese equities and bonds. These investments involve Chinese state-controlled enterprises that fail to comply with basic investor protection standards or federal securities laws and pose significant financial risks to these institutional investors.



Working Group to Discuss China's Acquisition of US Agricultural Land

The third meeting of the China-Ag Working Group continued the conversation on the appropriate policy response to this potential national security threat. Chinese investors' holdings of US agricultural

land surged from 13,720 acres in 2010 to 194,000 acres in 2020. The economic unintended consequences of state initiatives meant to prevent acquisition of US agriculture land by potential adversaries, most notably China, were a meeting focal point.

Why ESG? Follow the Money...

A meeting of the Functional Federalism Working Group, this discussion delved into the institution of cap and trade administratively and its impact on federalism.

Even some of the receptions at our Annual Meeting had a policy theme

Ambassador Marek Magierowski, Poland's Ambassador to the US spoke about his nation's support for Ukraine and why a Ukrainian victory is vital for national sovereignty and global democracy. Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud, the Swiss Ambassador to the United States offered his take on American exceptionalism reminding attendees that the world looks to and benefits from our leadership.

They want to hear from you! Really... they do!

Europeans are often baffled by the way we Americans do things, so in the interest of enhancing transatlantic communication, [**The European Conservative**](#), Europe's premier, conservative English-language quarterly journal is inviting ALEC members to author articles that provide an American perspective on policy and practices that mystify our EU friends. The debt ceiling debate, the inflation reduction act and its Make It in America provisions, the Electoral College are just a few potential submission topics. I'm trying again to seek interested authors for this unique opportunity to explain things to our friends across the pond, so contact me at [**kjones@alec.org**](mailto:kjones@alec.org) if you would like to submit an article for publication in [**The European Conservative**](#).

Since China seems to be on everyone's mind, here are some ALEC updates...

The Belt and Road Initiative – China's Strategy to Bring Nations around the World into Its Orbit

By: Nicholas Pruett and Karla Jones

Launched in 2013 by China's President Xi Jinping, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a highly ambitious, international, infrastructure program that currently involves more than [**150 countries on five continents**](#) and carries a [**colossal price tag of between \\$1-8 trillion**](#). Most experts believe that the true cost is closer to the higher end of that range. The "belt" in BRI refers to the land routes and infrastructure

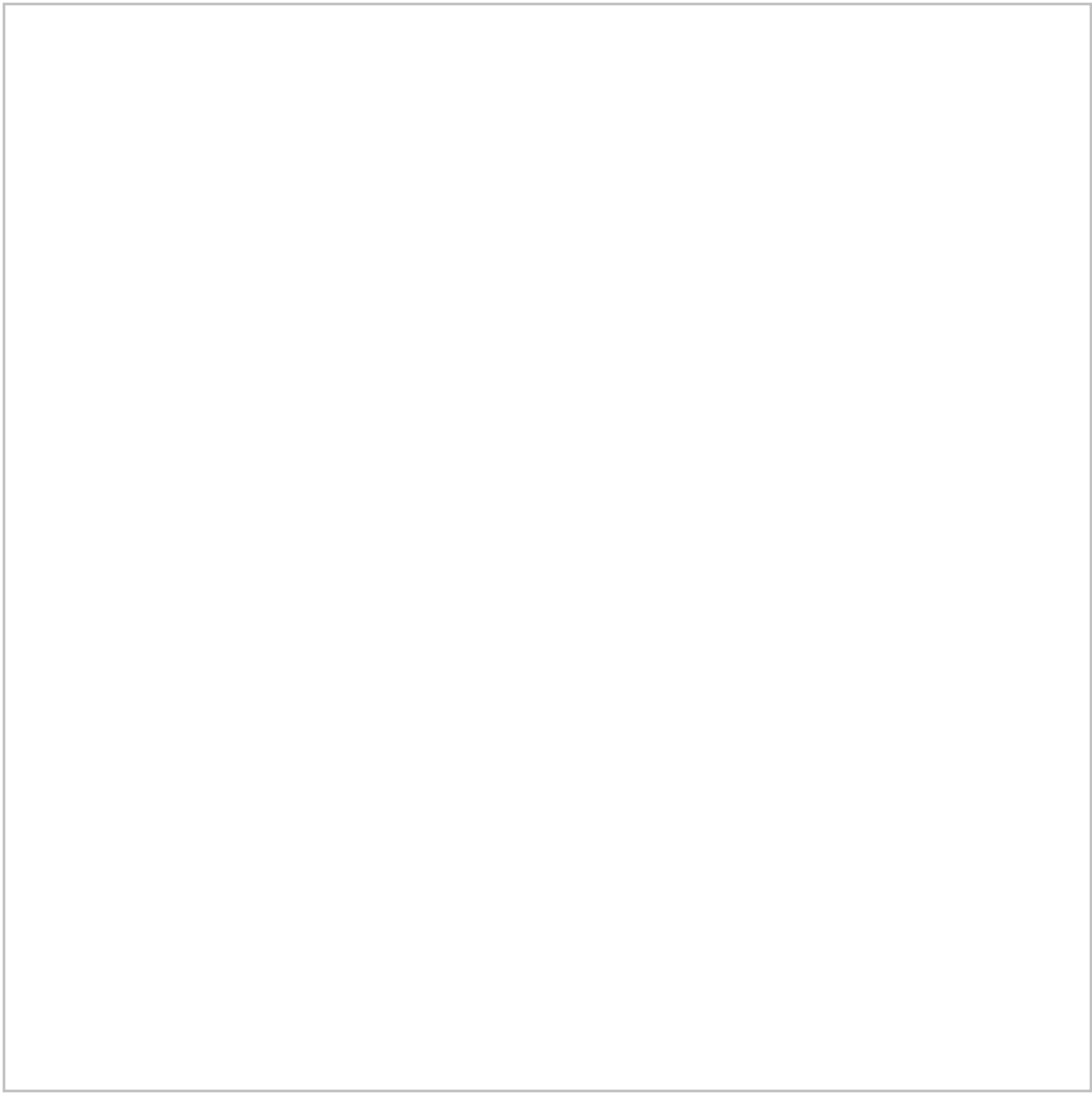
projects like railways, conventional highways, power plants, and energy pipelines while the “road” denotes the plan’s maritime routes. One high profile BRI segment is the [China-Pakistan Economic Corridor \(CPEC\)](#), an arrangement between China and Pakistan prioritizing the construction of coal-fired power plants and transmission lines meant to prevent Pakistan’s frequent brownouts and blackouts that are inhibiting its economic growth. Read more [here](#).

On the horizon...

The **ALEC Defending the States Academy** will take place **October 24-26** in Colorado Springs! This Academy will explore how states can protect themselves from Chinese government threats, interference, and influence. Let me know if you are [interested in participating](#).

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you in Scottsdale November 28-30, if not before!

All the best,
Karla



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Hi Jake,

ALEC Defending the States Academy

The [ALEC Defending the States Academy](#) will take place **October 23-25** in Colorado Springs and a limited number of spaces are still available! This Academy will explore how states can protect themselves from Chinese government threats, interference, and influence. Let me know if you are interested in participating.

States and Nation Policy Summit – Model Policy Submission Deadline

It seems like we just wrapped up the Annual Meeting in Orlando, however, it's already time to prepare for the States and Nation Policy Summit taking place in Scottsdale, Arizona November 28-30. Register [here](#) to attend. It's not too late to propose speakers and topics to cover, although the agenda is filling rapidly. The deadline to submit model policies for consideration at the Summit is Sunday, October 15. The Task Forces rely on your leadership and ideas, so I look forward to hearing from you.

Annual Meeting Follow Up

The ALEC Board approved the following model policies at this summer's Annual Meeting.

- [Safeguard American Votes and Elections Act \(SAVE Act\)](#);
- [Resolution supporting the conclusion of a US-Taiwan Agreement to prevent double taxation](#)- dual Referred to the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force
- [Updates to existing model policy opposing the TRIPS Waiver](#);
- [Act to Prohibit State Procurement of Electric Vehicles with Forced Labor Components](#) - dual Referred from the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force

One of the model policies that was adopted in our Task Forces but not in the Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force to which it was dual referred was model policy to repeal the Jones Act. If you would like to be part of a working group to find consensus on ways to reform the Jones Act, let me know. We are hoping to schedule our first meeting in October.

ALEC is celebrating [50 years](#) of promoting limited government, free markets, and federalism! Join us for ALEC's 50th Anniversary Gala on October 4 at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. Find out more about the Gala and purchase tickets to attend [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

I hope you had a restful and fun summer, and I look forward to seeing you in Scottsdale November 28-30, if not before!

All the best,



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Dear Jake,

In the wake of Hamas' unprovoked and savage attack, know that ALEC stands with Israel. You can read our statement [here](#), and an ALEC article will be posted soon condemning the terrorist assault against our friend and strategic partner.

**Virtual Task Force Meeting:
Friday, October 27, 2023, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM EDT**

The joint FIR and Homeland Security Task Forces will hold a **Virtual Task Force Meeting on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 10:30am EDT**

to consider a [Resolution Affirming Support for Israel and Condemning Hamas](#). We will send you a link to participate in the meeting on Thursday, October 26 and encourage all who are able to participate so that we have a quorum which is required to vote on the model policy. Please let me know (kjones@alec.org) if you plan to attend the meeting by Wednesday, October 25.

This expedited meeting is being convened by unanimous consent of all members of the Task Force Executive Committee in accordance with the ALEC [Task Force Operating Procedures \(TFOP\)](#). Thank you in advance for your leadership and participation at this fraught time.

Jones Act Working Group Meeting: Friday, October 20, 2023, 10:00 AM EDT

Since the model policy to Repeal the Jones Act was approved in our Task Forces but not in the Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force to which it was dual referred, the FIR, Homeland Security and CIED Task Forces are forming a working group to find consensus on ways to amend the model policy that will hold its first meeting (virtual) on Friday, October 20 at 10:00am EDT. An amended version of the draft model policy can be accessed [here](#) and we invite you to RSVP to Karla Jones at KJones@alec.org for the Working Group Meeting.

States and Nation Policy Summit

In just six weeks, the States and Nation Policy Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona November 28-30 will begin! Register [here](#) to attend, and it's not too late to propose speakers and topics to cover, although the agenda is filling rapidly. Your ideas make meetings more interesting, so I look forward to hearing from you!

Member News

We are introducing a new segment for the newsletter – Member News where initiatives our members are working on are highlighted. Below are the first two items in the series.

[Cato Institute's Defending Globalization Project](#)

This project was launched to correct the record on globalization and offer a strong case for increasing global integration.

[Partner Alliance for Safer Schools](#)

In this interview, Colby Williams, Chair of the Homeland Security Task Force, offers his ideas on how to enhance school safety and security.

We are excited to announce that ALEC's first **Defending the States Academy** taking place **October 23-25** in Colorado Springs has reached participant capacity! We will let you know if we are able to host a second Academy in the coming months for lawmakers who are interested in this topic.

I look forward to seeing you at the virtual task force meeting on Friday, October 27 and at the States and Nation Policy Summit November 28-30!

All the best,



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Dear Jake,

We are 10 weeks out from ALEC's Annual Meeting in **Orlando, Florida July 26-28**, so if you haven't already, [register today](#) for the conference. You don't want to miss the May 31 early bird registration deadline! Your ideas fuel and shape our conferences, so we are streamlining the model policy submission process. Submit draft model policy through [ALEC Connect](#) by June 12 - additional information on the new process is below. I also welcome your suggestions on topics and speakers to prioritize for the Subcommittee and Task Force meetings.



We're strengthening existing networks and making new friends!

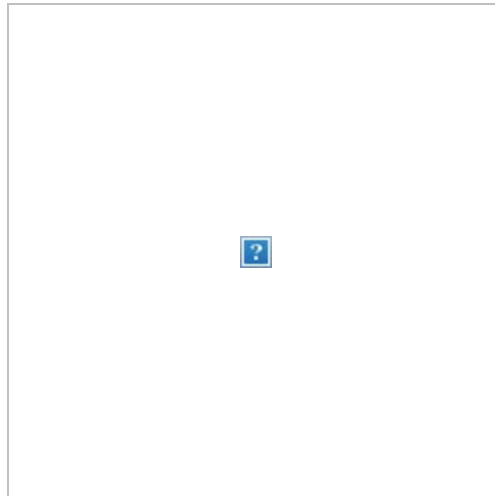
- In December, FIR/Homeland Security members and staff participated as part of a delegation to Munich to meet with Bavarian political and policy leaders to discuss inflation, energy supply chains and the impact of the war in Ukraine.
- Our Public Sector Chair, Representative Sage Dixon, assembled a group of lawmakers at the Capitol in Boise this March, where we discussed ALEC's and the FIR/Homeland Security Task Forces' work.
- 2023 has featured meetings with Members of Parliament and embassy officials representing countries around the world to exchange ideas and identify policy areas for collaboration. They look forward to meeting you at future ALEC conferences.

On the horizon....

- Task Force member and Florida Representative Spencer Roach and I will attend the Hanns Seidel Foundation's 2023 International Federalism Days conference in Bavaria later this month as part of a US state and Canadian provincial delegation. We will join lawmakers from around the world to discuss how federalism can be leveraged by countries to

manage national crises.

- Task Force member David Biddulph discovered evidence in [The Article V Library](#) that the 34-state threshold to call an Article V amendments convention to consider a fiscal responsibility amendment [was reached in 1979](#). If confirmed, it will likely take a mandamus action to compel Congress to fulfil its ministerial duty and [ALEC has adopted model policy](#) supporting a state's call for an immediate amendments convention if it has determined that the threshold for an Article V convention has been met.
- Our upcoming legislator policy academy – focused on protecting states from Chinese government threats, interference and influence – will take place October 24-25 in Colorado! If you are a lawmaker member interested in attending, please [click here](#).
- The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) has provided us with a boat to compete in this year's Dragon Boat race in conjunction with the DC Dragon Boat Festival, where ALEC Board member West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker will be a VIP attendee! Go Team Smart ALECs!



Task Force programming highlights that have taken place since we last met in December...

- [Policy Hour](#) on How States Can Protect Themselves from Growing Threats from China – just this year, legislation to address this challenge was adopted in four states (AR, ID, IN and SD) with nine states that considered or are still considering bills (IL, ME, MT, NH, NJ, OK, SC, TX and VA).

Policy Hour and **ALEC webinar** on the ongoing baby formula supply chain crisis – reducing international trade barriers would alleviate the problem.

- Women's History Month [Video Series](#)
 - America's Fentanyl Overdose Epidemic
 - Empowering Women Spurs Global Economic Growth
 - The War in Ukraine: An Update from the Frontlines

Access all three videos via [this ALEC article](#).

- Second Working Group Meeting to Discuss China's acquisition of US agricultural land – the third date will be announced soon.



As a member, you have access to our members only platform, ALEC Connect. This platform is a place where you can share ideas and success in your state!

In ALEC Connect you can:

- View and update your membership and contact information
- [Submit Model Policy Requests](#) **(NEW!)**
 - Sign-Up for a ["How-To" Model Policy Submission Webinar](#): May 16 at 2:00 PM EDT or June 13 at 2:00 PM EDT
- View ALEC's Calendar and register for upcoming meetings
- Read the latest news about your task force group
- Access the ALEC Resource Library to upload, download and discuss files
- Collaborate confidently

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[Join us for a webinar](#) with ALEC's leadership team, legislative outreach representatives, and top policy experts as we highlight the

many benefits of ALEC membership and hear from ALEC leaders with decades of policy and professional experience supporting state lawmakers from across the country.

[Register Now](#)

Every month we are releasing a new video to highlight 50 years of trusted policy solutions. In case you missed this month's video, you can watch it [here](#).

If you have any questions about these items, please let me know.

Best,



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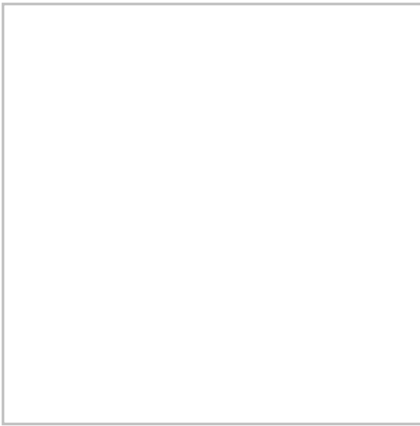


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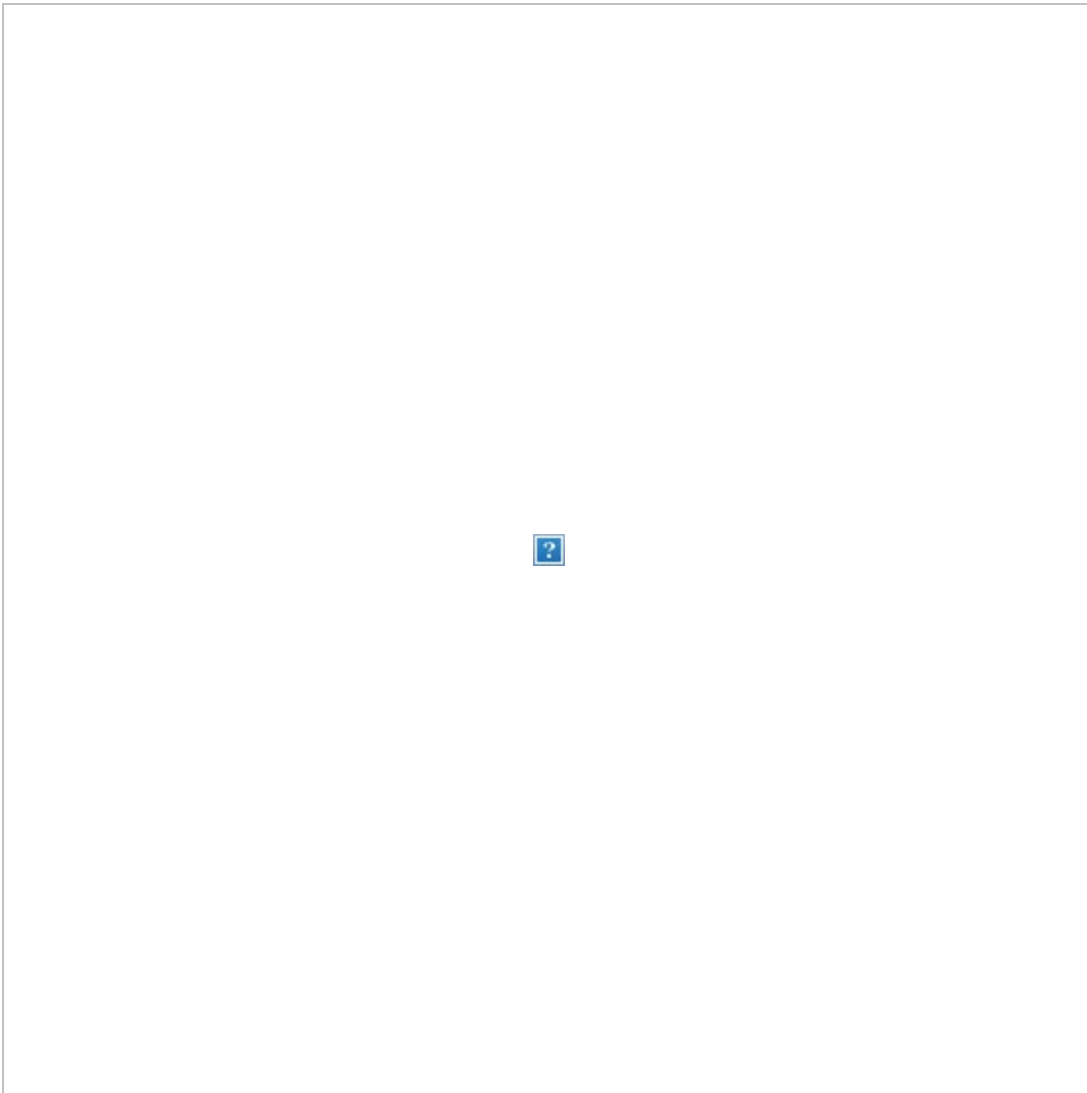


Florida Becomes Sixth State with Universal Education Freedom

Florida has reclaimed its crown as the nation's leader in education freedom after Governor DeSantis signed HB 1 into law this week. The bill, led by Speaker Paul Renner, Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, Representative Kaylee Tuck, and Senator Corey Simon, expands the



state's Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) Program to every student and family in Florida. [Read more.](#)



The 2023 ALEC Academy Series kicks off in June. This year's Academy Series includes 15 Academies, with at least one from each [ALEC Task Force](#). To learn more about the policy topics covered, check out the ALEC [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#).

ALEC Academies are a great way to dive deeper into policy issues. These invitation only two-day training opportunities for state legislators will provide an interactive dialogue and equip you with free market resources to tackle policy issues. We focus the Academy to give you practical and proven tools to make reforms in your state. During these forums, you will participate with policy experts and have the opportunity to present your experiences with other thought leaders.

If you would like to be considered for a 2023 ALEC Academy, please fill out the form linked below and let us know which issue areas you are interested in.

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ALEC Podcast: Across the States

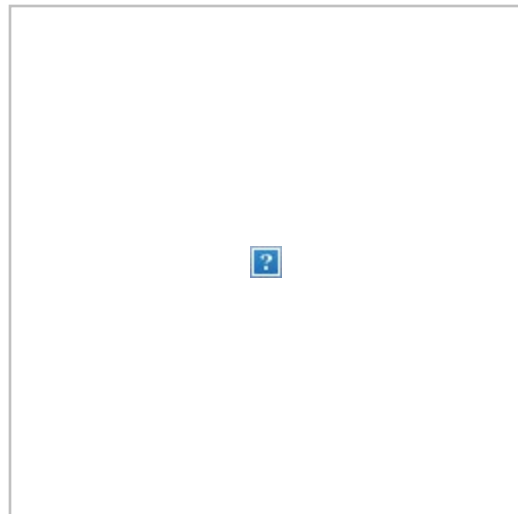
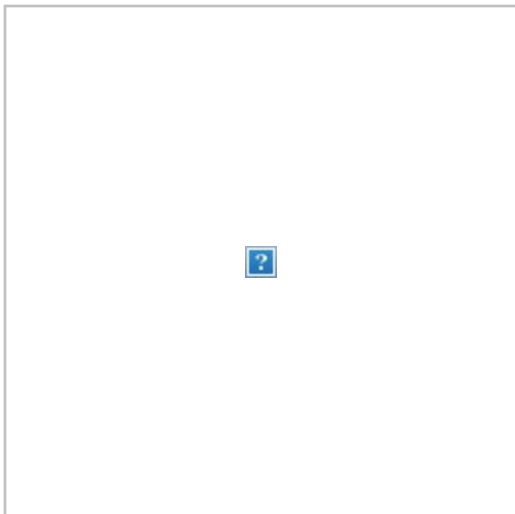


Episode 134: America's Fentanyl Overdose Epidemic

A personal story about the fentanyl crisis here in America.

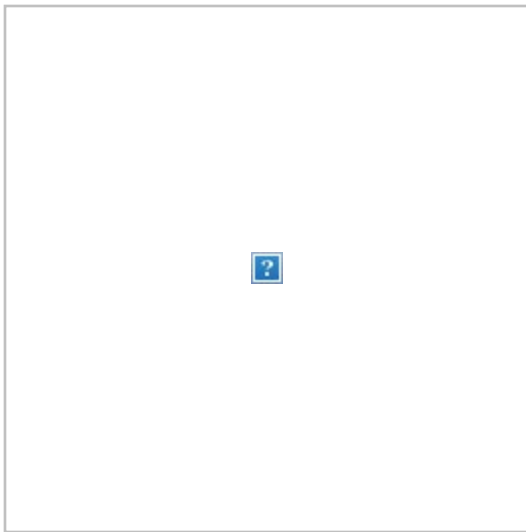
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ALEC in the States



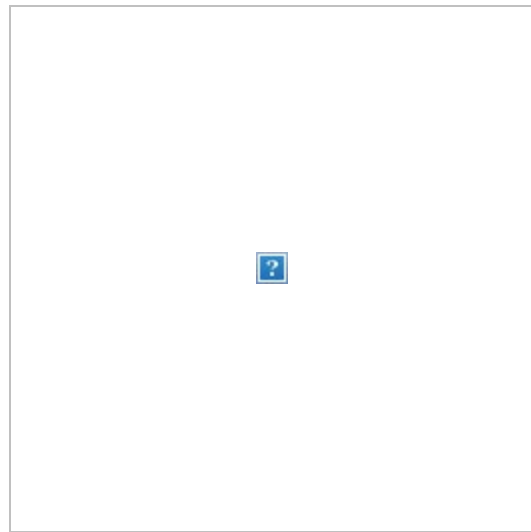
ALEC's Jonathan Williams, Lee Schalk, and Bill Dumais visited Albany, NY last week where they met with more than 40 state lawmakers to discuss ALEC's essential policy solutions. Special thanks to our New York State Chair, Assemblyman Robert Smullen for putting together an incredible day for the team.

ALEC Commentary



The Coal Powered Electrification Agenda: Joe Trotter on In The Dugout

ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director Joe Trotter joined Mike Stenhouse on In The Dugout to discuss the realities behind the recent push to shut down reliable energy sources before the existing power grid is ready to make up the difference. [**Listen Now.**](#)



Louisiana's Competitive Neighborhood Problem: Jonathan Williams on the Moon Griffon Radio Show

ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams spoke with host Moon Griffon of Talk 107.3 FM in Louisiana while attending the Solutions Summit 2023 hosted by the Pelican Institute. Williams talked about how Louisiana can better compete with neighboring states. [**Listen now.**](#)

How to Address Federal Dysfunction



The ALEC Center to Restore the Balance of Government released a series of videos to educate state lawmakers on how to use Article V of the Constitution to call for a Convention of the States to help the nation meet some of its most vexing challenges by restoring the balance of power between the federal government and the states. [Read more.](#)



[**A Fork in the Road for Artificial Intelligence Developers and Regulators: Jake Morabito in The Washington Times**](#)

ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jake Morabito authored a guest column in The Washington Times explaining how closed systems and overregulation could stifle America's burgeoning artificial intelligence industry. [Read more.](#)



[**The Market is Working: Eli Lilly Moves to Cut Insulin Prices**](#)

Recently, drug maker Eli Lilly announced it would slash the price of some of its most commonly prescribed insulin products. The price of insulin has generated controversy for the last few years with activists calling for price caps due to rising out-of-pocket costs. [Read more](#)

[**Universal Recognition on its Way to Becoming All-American?**](#)

Times are stressful for American working families. The second and third largest bank failures in American history just occurred, interest rates might be



increasing even higher, and inflation remains persistently high. These factors put intense pressure on working families to make careful financial and economic decisions. [Read more](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting

Join us July 26-28, 2023 in Orlando, Florida for ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting.

We will kick off the fun on Wednesday, July 26th with a Welcome Reception at Universal CityWalk. Plan to dress "theme-park casual" and bring the kids! You will be able to purchase discounted tickets to the park, so you can take in everything Universal has to offer. An email with additional information will be coming soon!

[Register now](#) to take advantage of discounted registration rates and be sure to spread the word to your friends and colleagues to help them save today, too!

Early Bird Registration rates end May 31st.

[Register Now](#)

Employment Opportunities

ALEC Summer Internship Program

Do you know anyone interested in limited government, free markets, and federalism? Who is also a recent grad, or an undergrad or graduate student? You do? Are they looking to learn more about Policy, Events,

Development, Public Affairs or Finance? Great!

ALEC is now accepting applications for the ALEC Summer Internship Program starting May 31st. [Apply here.](#)

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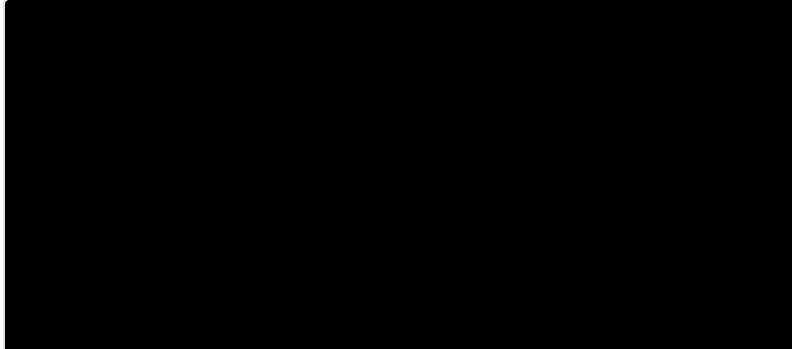
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To: [Jake Morabito](#)
Subject: Friday 6/23 | ALEC Policy Webinar on Regulatory Barriers to Entrepreneurship
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:25:51 AM

Dear Members of ALEC's Communications and Technology Task Force,

This Friday, June 23 at 2:00 PM EDT, please join your fellow ALEC members for a joint webinar hosted by the Communications and Technology (CAT) Task Force and the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development (CIED) Task Force on removing and reducing regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship. Click the RSVP link below to register and hope you can join in on the conversation!

[Click here to register for the event](#)

What: ALEC Policy Webinar on Removing and Reducing Barriers to Entrepreneurship

When: Friday, June 23 at 2:00 PM EDT

Who: CAT and CIED Task Force Members

Format: Hear presentations and insights from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, the Archbridge Institute, and PrizePicks, with opportunity for audience Q&A time permitting.

Thank you,

Jake Morabito

Director, Communications and Technology Task Force
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50th ALEC Annual Meeting | July 26 –28, 2023 | Orlando, FL

50th ALEC Anniversary Gala | October 4, 2023 | Washington, D.C.

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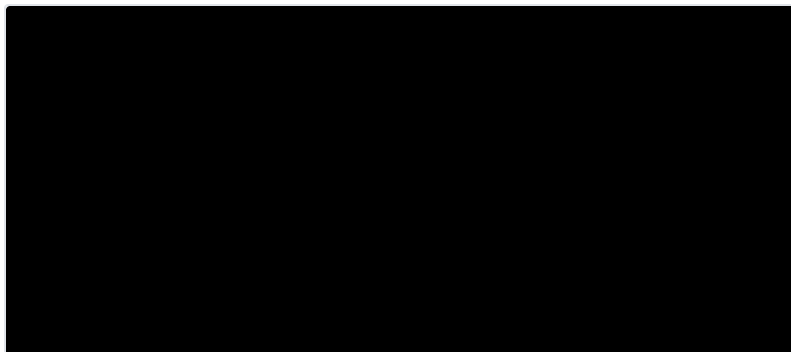
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Have you been tracking real news? This is going to sound bizarre to those who've not been tracking real news, and to those who don't know they've been lied to. To those who are still watching MSM on the boob tube. We, who are awake, call them sleeping sheeple, normies, the willfully ignorant and those that think they can think for themselves but can't and don't know it. They have no discernment ability. They're not questioners. They can't wrap their heads around the fact that the government doesn't care about us and wants us dead. It's a war for what you think, so get smart. Remember how to think and question. Don't just believe whatever you hear on the 6 o'clock news, for Christ's sake, your life depends on it. She makes a good point: we're not fighting back; we're a friendly battlefield. Everyone's been brainwashed by the MSM. Karen explains it well.

This was shared by my smart ex-MIL pilot friend Ron. Enjoy.

[Karen Kingston's told she's 💎 "DEAD WOMAN WALKING" for Outing Dr Malone & REVEALING that Pfizer Has NO Immunity](#)----notice the sound gaps, skipping.

Horrible audio. I've noticed, for some time now (3.5 years) that more people than ever are handicapped or maimed or sickly. Is this a coincidence? I think not.



Karen Kingston's told she's 💎 "DEAD WOMAN WALKING" for Outing Dr Malone...

Karen calls on MIKE ADAMS, MIKI WILLIS, STEVE KIRSH to "talk to Dr Robert Malone and have him call off the CIA -...

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Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:37:20 AM

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Subject: Protecting our children from the radical Left
Reply-To: info@heritage.org.

heritage foundation = lies and hate and divisiveness. The strength of America and all democracies is in our diversity and willingness to meet in the middle and make principled compromises..... liberty and justice for ALL!! bulldog

Dear Phil,

I'm reaching out today because I need your help to address the growing threats, dangers and concerns facing our children and grandchildren as a result of the Left's agenda.

Every day that I see the dire consequences unfolding it makes me pause to consider...

How can we expect to raise the next generation of conservative patriots if we allow them to be indoctrinated in public schools with socialist ideologies presented by the '1619 Project' and brainwashed by critical race theory?

How can we teach them to speak for the most vulnerable in our society in the midst of loud progressive messages and cultural trends heralding that the lives of the unborn our society are not worth protection?

How can we expect them to raise the next generation when they are inundated with the Left's deceitful claims about sexual orientation and sex change surgeries?

An America dominated by the Left's harmful agenda is not the America we want for our children and grandchildren.

If you're like me, I know you want the next generation of Americans to inherit a country that is safe, prosperous, strong, and devoted to the Judeo-Christian values that made America a success.

If you care about protecting our children, I need your immediate support to fight back against the relentless assault of the radical Left on the next generation.

Thanks to a group of dedicated Heritage Foundation members, your donation to protect our future generations from the Left's agenda can be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$1.5 million ... but the deadline is approaching fast!

Will you help us protect our children and secure America's future by making a gift today?

Here's a link to our secure donation page where you can make your gift now:
<https://secured.heritage.org/thf-presidents-challenge>

We owe it to our children and grandchildren to pave a better way forward and win the war against the Left. They are truly counting on you and me.

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Roberts, Ph.D.
President, The Heritage Foundation

P.S. You are not one to sit on the sidelines, Phil. Join us as we fight to save the future of the next generation. Double your best gift when you give right now at this secured link: <https://secured.heritage.org/thf-presidents-challenge>

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Annual Meeting is a wrap!

Orlando was a blast! Thank you to everyone who joined us as we celebrated our ALEC 50th Annual Meeting in the sunny Florida state. We hope you returned home with a lot of new ideas, and not a lot of sunburn.

We were treated to an incredible lineup of speakers and presenters including Florida Governor Ron Desantis, Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez, Attorney General Ashley Moody, and U.S. Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio. Thank you for hosting us in your beautiful state.

Miss one of the big speeches? Our team has compiled the plenary sessions [on this web page](#) for your convenience.

Watch The Sessions

The fun doesn't stop there! As we continue to celebrate ALEC's 50 years of policy innovation, we invite you to join us, October 4th for an amazing evening at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC for the ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala.



Our 50th Anniversary Gala will be a time to both reflect on the successes ALEC and the states have enjoyed over the past 50 years and look ahead to the opportunities of tomorrow.

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ALEC In the States: Policy Academy Series

"Where in the states is ALEC?"

Dozens of state legislators have joined ALEC policy experts over the past several months for in-depth briefings on issues currently being debated in state capitols across the country.

If you are interested in being a part of the conversation, this is a must attend event.

The ALEC Policy Academy Series helps members develop expertise and emerge as thought leaders on policies at both the state and national levels. [Complete this form](#) to learn more about upcoming ALEC Policy Academies.

Learn More

ALEC Commentary

[The European Union Regulates While America Innovates: Jake Morabito in The OC Register](#)

Jake Morabito, ALEC's Communications and Technology Task Force Director, recently authored an op-ed in The Orange County Register detailing the differences in social media platforms regulations in the U.S. and the E.U. [Read more.](#)

[How the Jones Act Impacts Maritime Commerce and National Security](#)

ALEC Federalism, Homeland Security & International Relations Task Force Senior Director Karla Jones sat down with Colin Grabow,

Research Fellow at the CATO Institute Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, to discuss The Jones Act and its implications on maritime commerce and national security. [Listen now.](#)

VIDEO: Upcoming Ballot Measure Threatens Colorado Taxpayers

TABOR, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, limits the growth of government spending in Colorado. Though some Coloradans might not be familiar with this particular piece of legislation, it has played a key role in Colorado's competitive landscape. Nick Stark, ALEC's Director of the Task Force on Tax and Fiscal Policy, explains in the latest episode of "Breakdown" with Lars Dalseide. [Watch now.](#)

Daily Caller: Tax Relief Is Coming To Millions Of Red-State Residents

In their latest op-ed for The Daily Caller, Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist and EVP of Policy, and Nick Stark highlight the growing number of states that have recently slashed personal income taxes. [Read now.](#)

Jonathan Williams: The Proposed Global Corporate Tax Impact

ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams has an American Radio Journal commentary on the impact of the proposed global corporate tax and its negative effects on businesses. [Listen in.](#)

Thank You Interns!

As our summer interns wrap up their final week at ALEC, we want to say thank you to the amazing students who supported us over the past few months. We know these young leaders will continue to make a big impact!

If you know a young leader interested in public policy and advancing innovative solutions in the states, encourage them to apply to our Fall internship program which will be starting soon!

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Dear Jake,

The **2023 Fall ALEC Internship Program** starts next month!

Do you know someone who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, or is a recent grad and wants to gain real world work experience? Do they have a strong commitment to Jeffersonian principals? If so, our internship program is a great opportunity to work with state legislators from across the political spectrum in an effort to advance proven, data-driven solutions within the states.

ALEC offers our interns a robust program in one of five areas:

- Events
- Membership and Development
- Policy and Research
- Public Affairs
- Finance and Accounting



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If you or someone you know is interested, please click on the button above for the full application process and program descriptions.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



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ALEC Webinars



Join us for a **webinar** with the ALEC leadership team, legislative outreach representatives, and top policy experts as we highlight the many benefits of ALEC membership and hear from ALEC leaders with decades of policy and professional experience supporting state lawmakers from across the country.

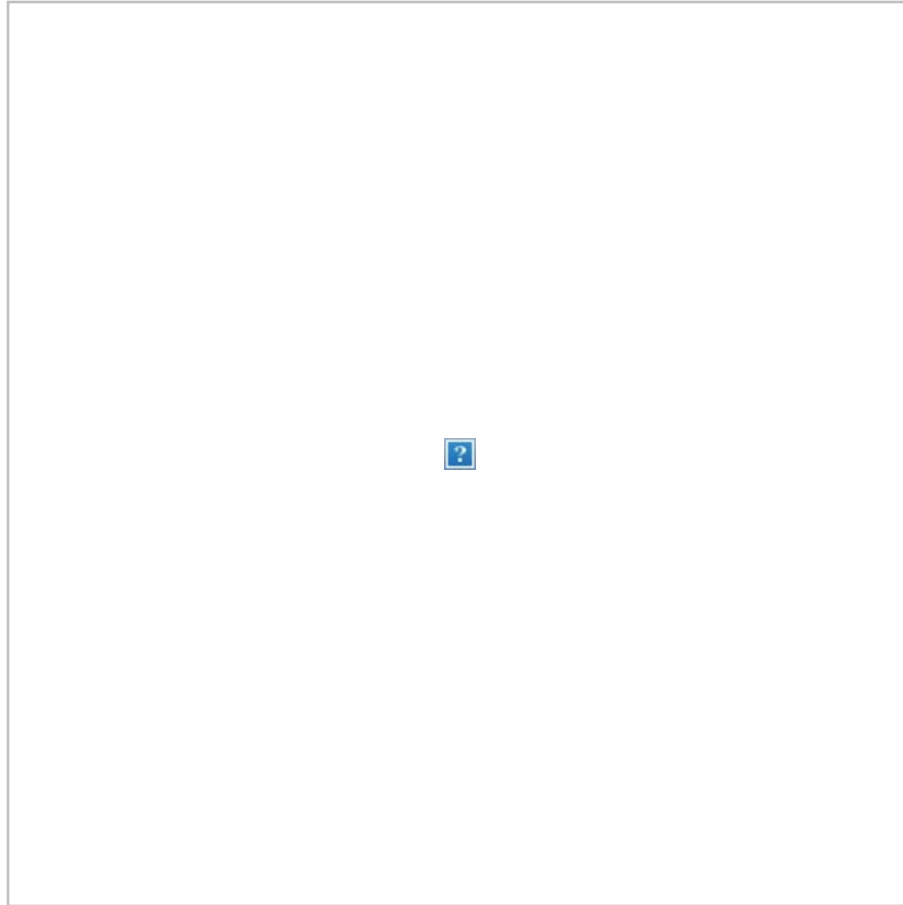
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Friday, May 26: CIED Policy Webinar at 2:00 PM EST

Join issue experts in a **webinar** where we will discuss current and emerging trends in monetary policy, including the threat of a central bank digital currency (CBDC).

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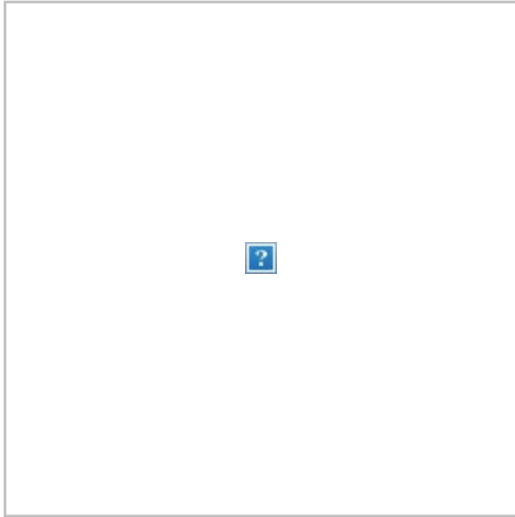
ALEC in the States



During a recent trip to Sacramento, CA, Gabriella Uli, Legislative and Engagement Manager, met with Senators and Assemblymen to discuss opportunities for ALEC members. These include joining policy Task Forces and networking at the Annual Meeting, where peers from across the nation will convene.

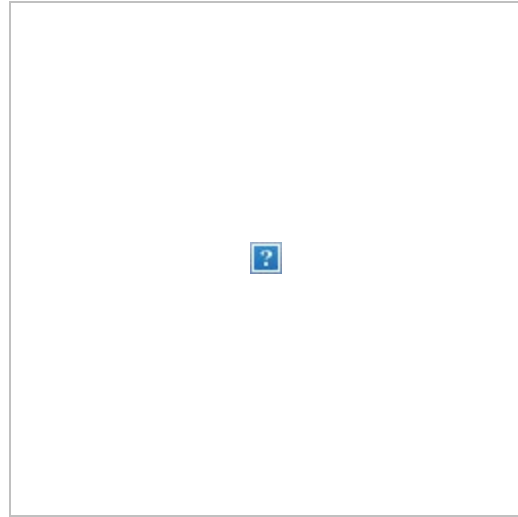
With the support of Bruce MacRae, a dedicated State Chair, ALEC had a successful day in Sacramento, highlighting its commitment to advancing Jeffersonian principles. ALEC looks forward to building relationships with California's legislative representatives and fostering productive conversations that will support their vital work in the legislature.

ALEC Commentary



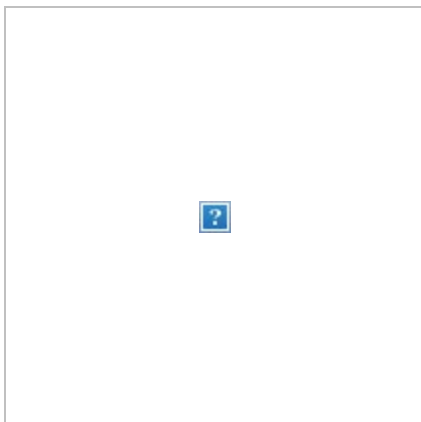
[Addressing the Rise in Violent Crime: Nino Marchese on The Lars Larson Show](#)

Nino Marchese, ALEC Civil Justice and Criminal Justice Task Force Director, was on The Lars Larson Show discussing a community-centered approach to policing that includes surgical strikes against violence and efforts to strengthen law enforcement and community relations. **[Listen now.](#)**



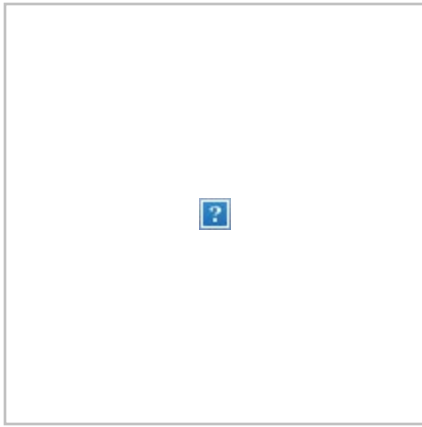
[State of the Economy: Jonathan Williams on The Ed Dean Show](#)

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke with Ed Dean on The Ed Dean Morning Show for Florida's AM 600 & FM 101.1 about the state of the economy with the latest reports on GDP and economic development. **[Listen now.](#)**



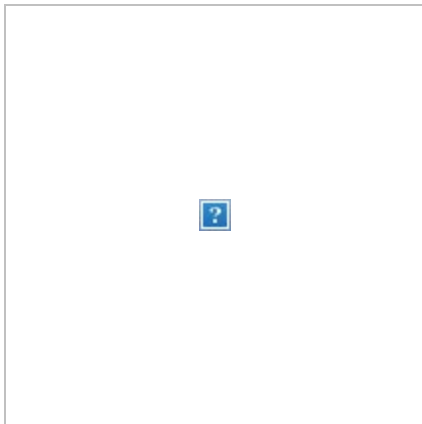
[Iowa Adds Truth and Transparency to Property Taxes](#)

Iowa lawmakers and Governor Kim Reynolds delivered a bipartisan win for Iowans, as Truth-in-Taxation became the latest free market policy solution signed into law in the Hawkeye State. Iowa now joins Utah, Tennessee, Kansas and Nebraska in enacting one of the most taxpayer-friendly laws in the nation. **[Read more.](#)**



Will SCOTUS Protect Property Owners by Ending Home Equity Theft?

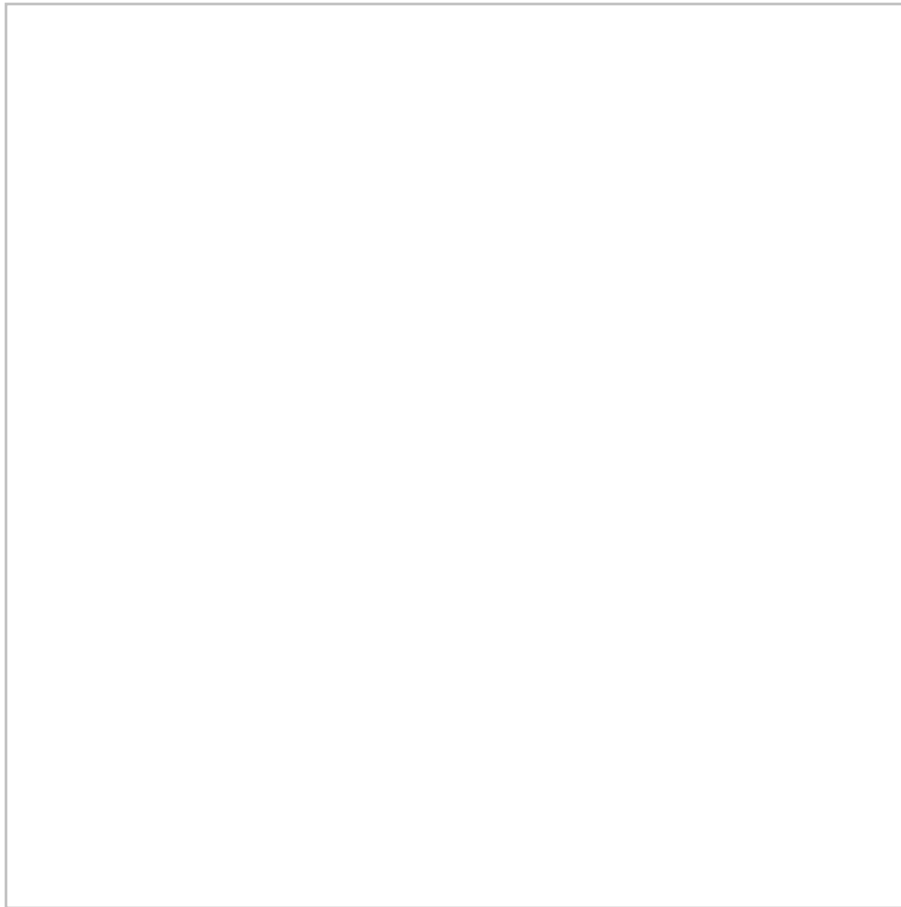
The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Tyler v. Hennepin County, a David v. Goliath-like fight between 94-year-old grandmother Geraldine Tyler and the Minnesota county that seized her home. At the center of the case is the practice most commonly known as “home equity theft.” [Read more.](#)



Why Biden Admin’s Latest Push for EVs, Wind, and Solar Is Likely Headed to the Supreme Court: Joe Trotter in The Epoch Times

Joe Trotter, ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director, recently spoke with The Epoch Times about the EPA’s new proposal to force the United States’ electricity network and automotive industry to shift production to wind and solar energy and electric vehicles (EV). [Read more.](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting



Join ALEC in Orlando, Florida, to strategize with America's top state policymakers from July 26 - 28.

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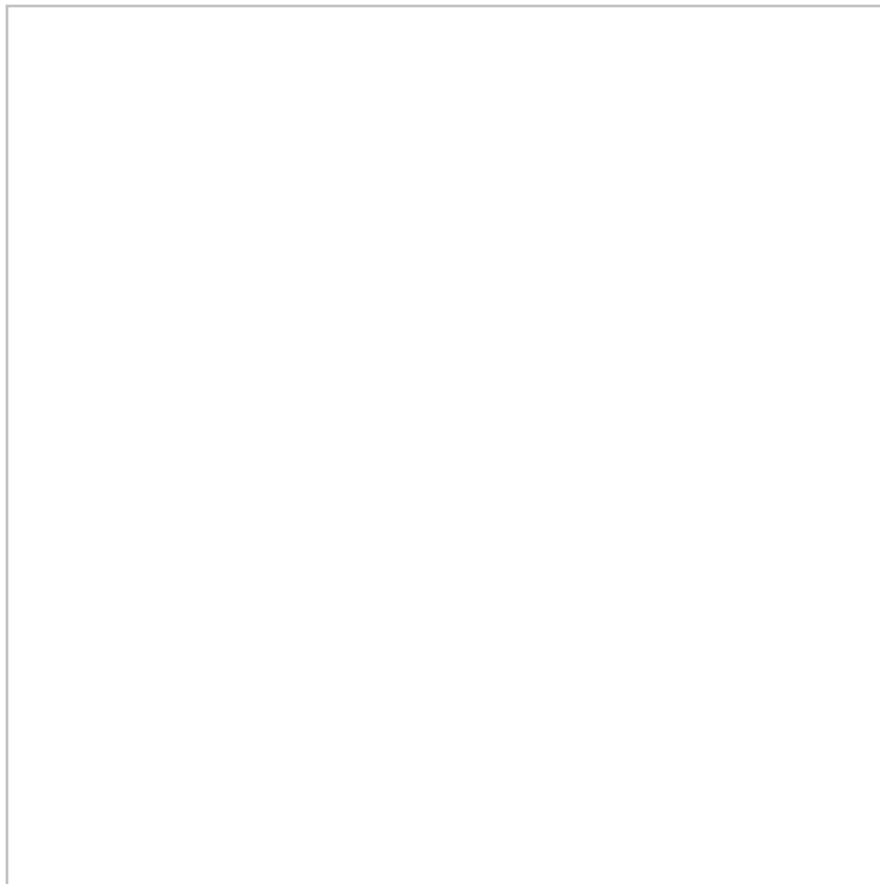
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All registered attendees are invited to kick-off the week by honoring the 2023 ALEC award recipients at our first ever Awards Reception and Dinner at the 2023 Summit Welcome event in Scottsdale, AZ.

If you have not yet registered for the Summit, please click the button below and register now!

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We hope to see you there!



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ALEC Webinar

[Changes to Personal Jurisdiction - Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co.](#)

October 25th at 2:00pm EDT

Please join us for a webinar on the recent SCOTUS ruling in [Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co.](#) Professor Donald Kochan, Executive

Director of the Law & Economics Center (LEC) at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School, and Mark Behrens, Co-Chair of Shook, Hardy, & Bacon's Public Policy Practice Group and advisor to ALEC's Civil Justice Task Force will lead this discussion to break down the most recent change to personal jurisdiction law from the Supreme Court: the constitutionality of state corporate registration statutes and what it means for future tort.

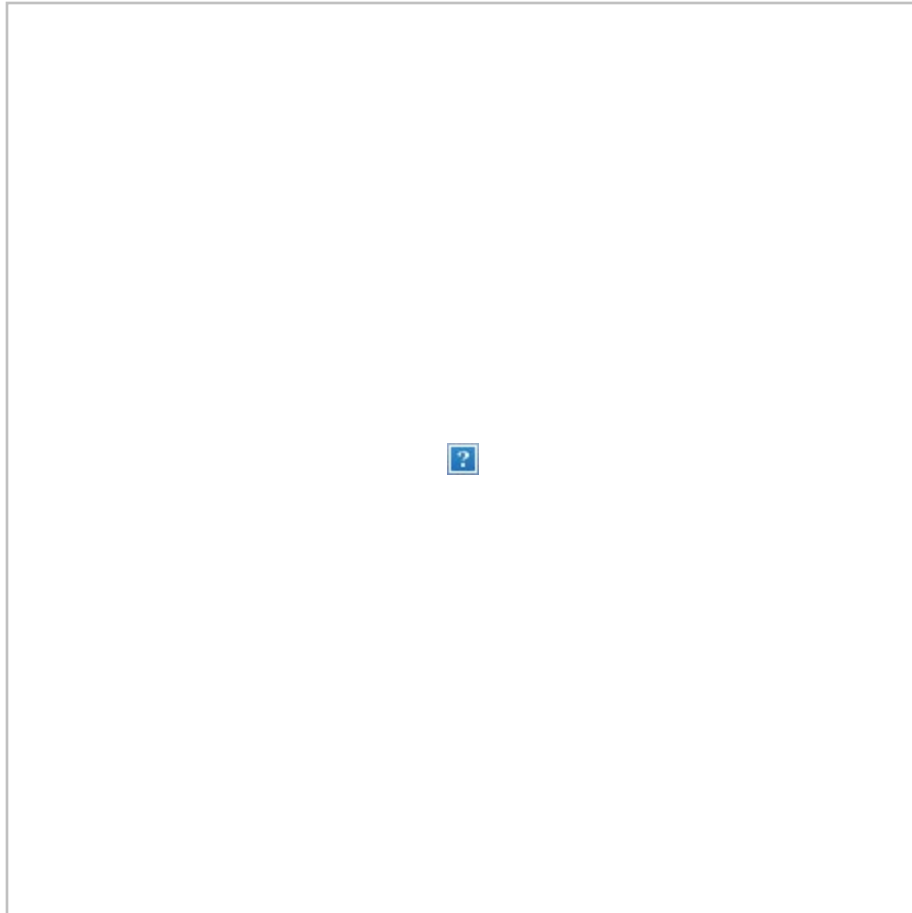
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ALEC on the Road

Last week, our Center for State Fiscal Reform team held the Ozarks Regional Tax and Economic Policy Academy in Northwest Arkansas. Legislators from six states in the region joined us to discuss a wide range of issues, from unfunded liabilities and budget reform to pro-growth tax policy and our Rich States, Poor States Economic Competitiveness Index. A special thanks to our Arkansas delegation and ALEC Board Member, Senator Jim Dotson for hosting us in the Natural State.



ALEC Commentary



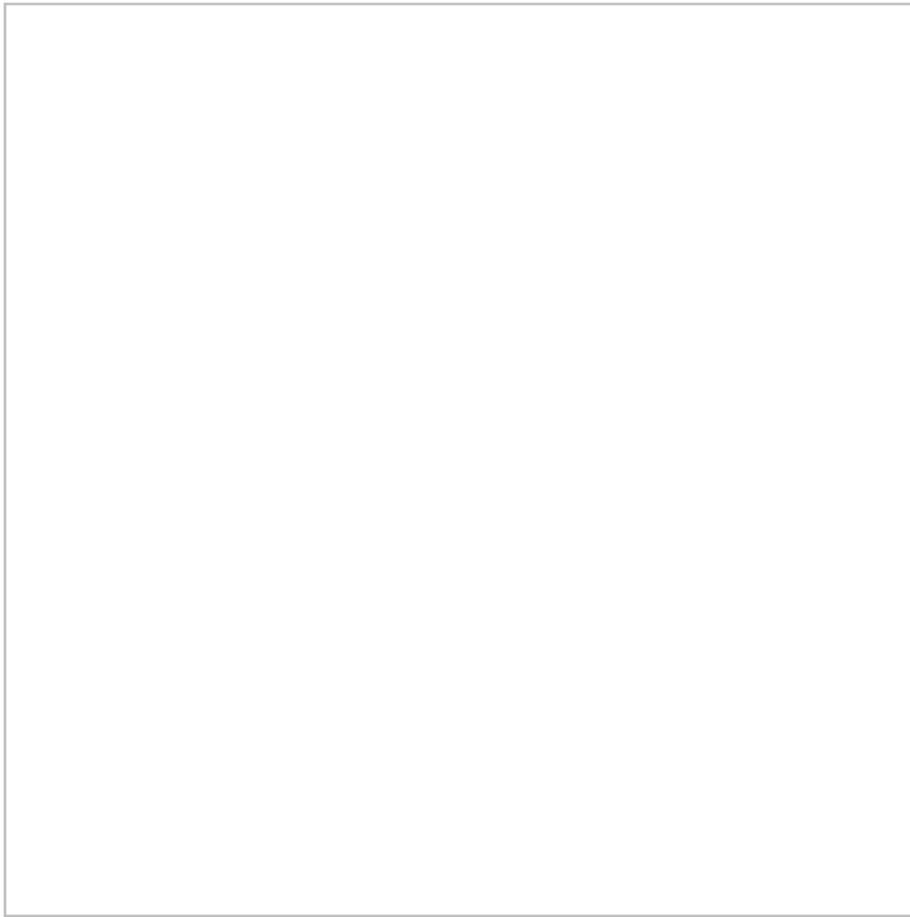
Net Neutrality Resurrected: Jake Morabito on The Tim Jones and Chris Arps Show

Jake Morabito, ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director, talks with hosts Tim Jones and Chris Arps about how on Thursday, October 19, the FCC will take the first step toward reenacting the harmful net neutrality regulations reclassifying internet as a Title II common carrier. **[Read more.](#)**



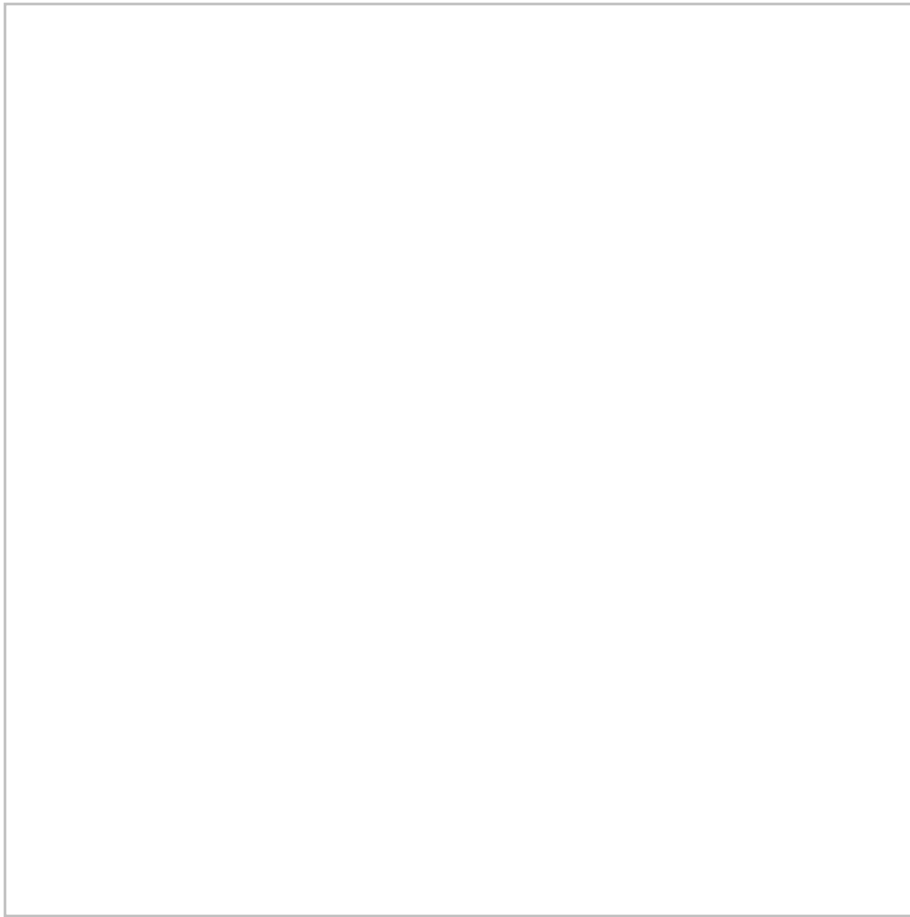
Exploring ALEC's New 50-State Guide to Education Freedom

In a recent webinar, ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson and Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director Andrew Handel introduced ALEC's brand new publication, the ALEC Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment. **[Read more.](#)**



Breaking Down Education Freedom Rankings for Florida and North Carolina: Andrew Handel in The Center Square

Florida and North Carolina's rankings from ALEC's new Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment were recently covered by The Center Square. **[Read more.](#)**



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ALEC CEO Lisa Nelson joins The Hugh Hewitt Show



What are the most important issues facing state legislators this year, and how will we equip state leaders to address them during the ALEC Annual Meeting — happening in just two weeks?

I had the pleasure of sitting with host Hugh Hewitt this morning on The Hugh Hewitt Show to discuss some of those key policy issues.

Learn more about ALEC's trusted policy solutions. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

I hope to see you in Florida soon! If you have not registered, please [click here.](#)



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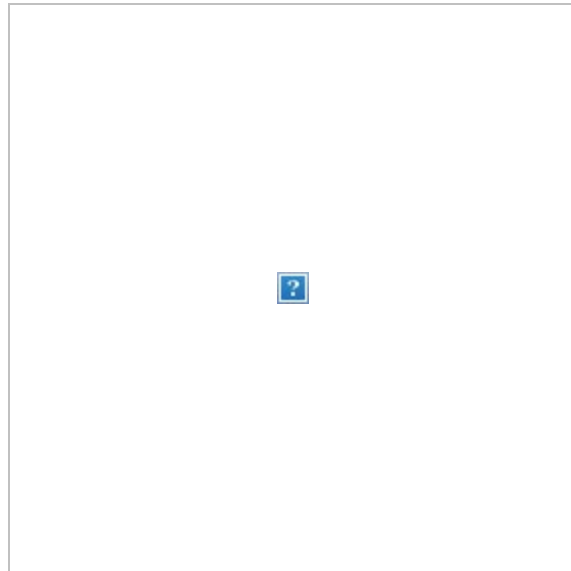
Upcoming Deadlines

If you are a legislator who plans to submit a draft model policy for the States and Nation Policy Summit, you must do so prior to the **45-Day Policy Submission Deadline: October 15, 2023**. Learn about the submission process [here](#).

Reminder, all subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from **November 15 - November 20**. Be sure to register for the Summit by **November 10** to

receive the details on joining the meetings.

The Early Bird Registration Deadline for the [States and Nation Policy Summit](#) is **November 1**.



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Hamas' Attack on Israel

American Legislative Exchange Council has released a statement in response to Hamas' barbaric acts of terror against Israel.

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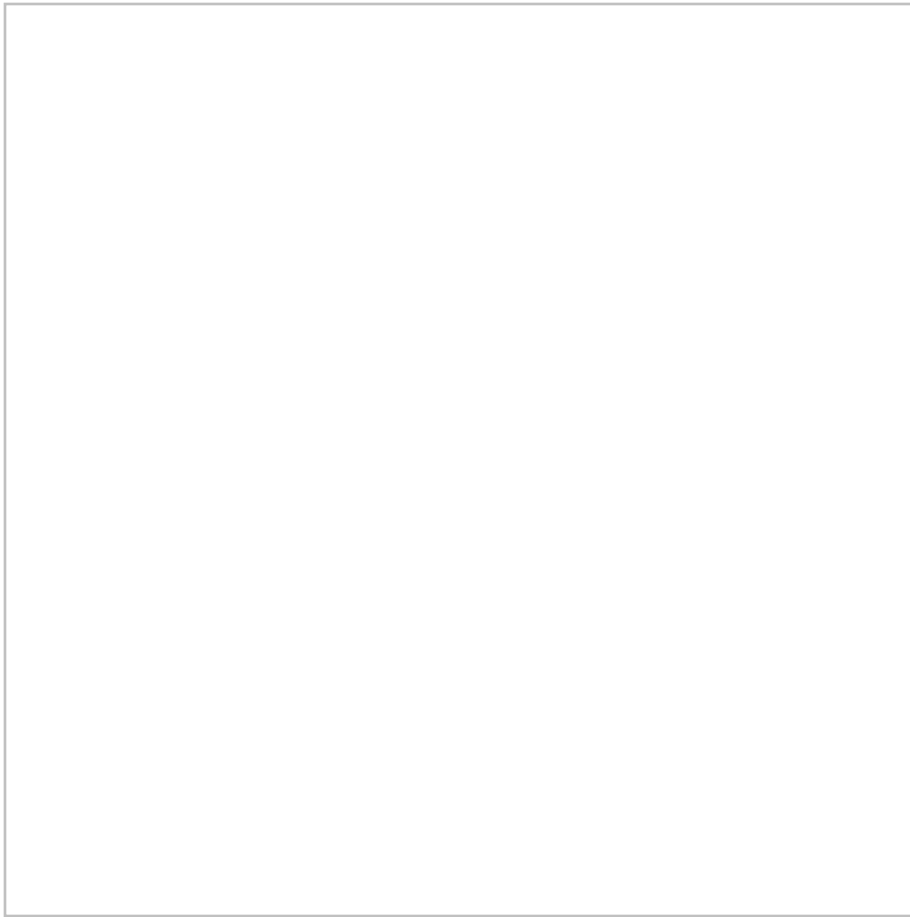
Texas Begins Special Session on Universal Education Freedom

This week, the Texas Legislature convened for a special session called by Governor Greg Abbott. The Governor's call lists several items for lawmakers to consider, including "legislation providing education savings accounts for all Texas schoolchildren." In ALEC's newly released **2023 Index of State Education Freedom**, Texas ranked 21st in the country and earned a "C" letter grade. **Read more.**



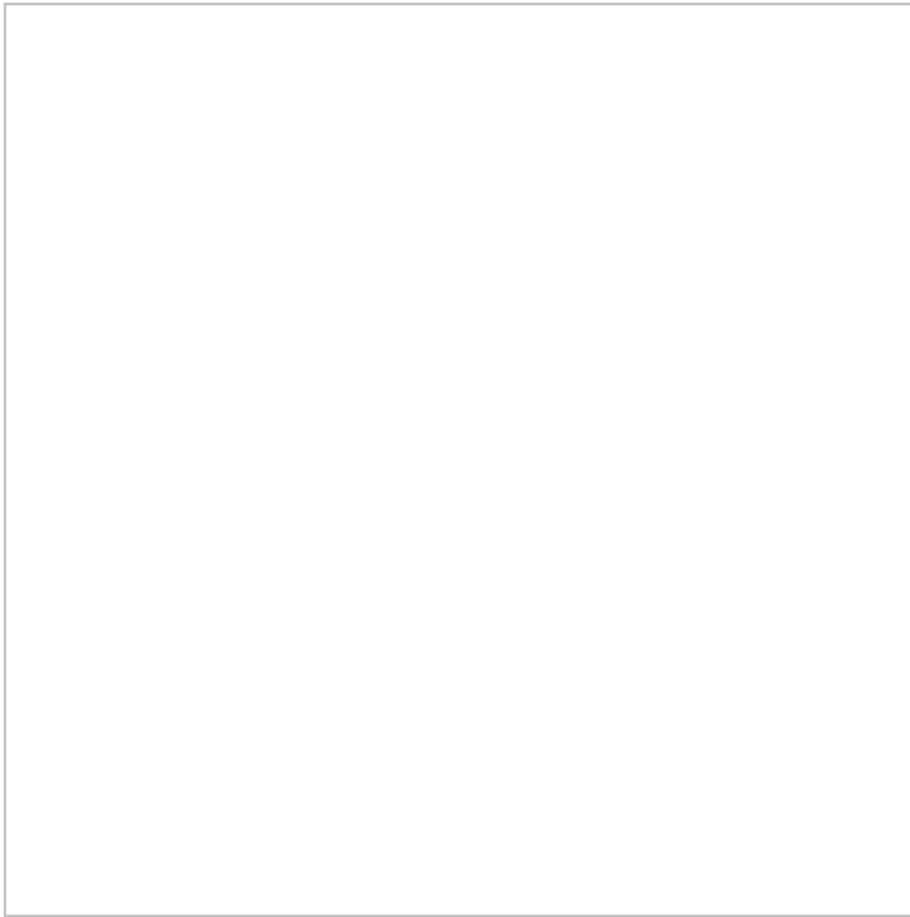
What is Artificial Intelligence? Legislators Are Still Looking For A Definition: Jake Morabito in Stateline

Jake Morabito, ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director, was featured in a Stateline news article on the ongoing conversation policymakers are having about the development of generative artificial intelligence technology. [**Read more.**](#)



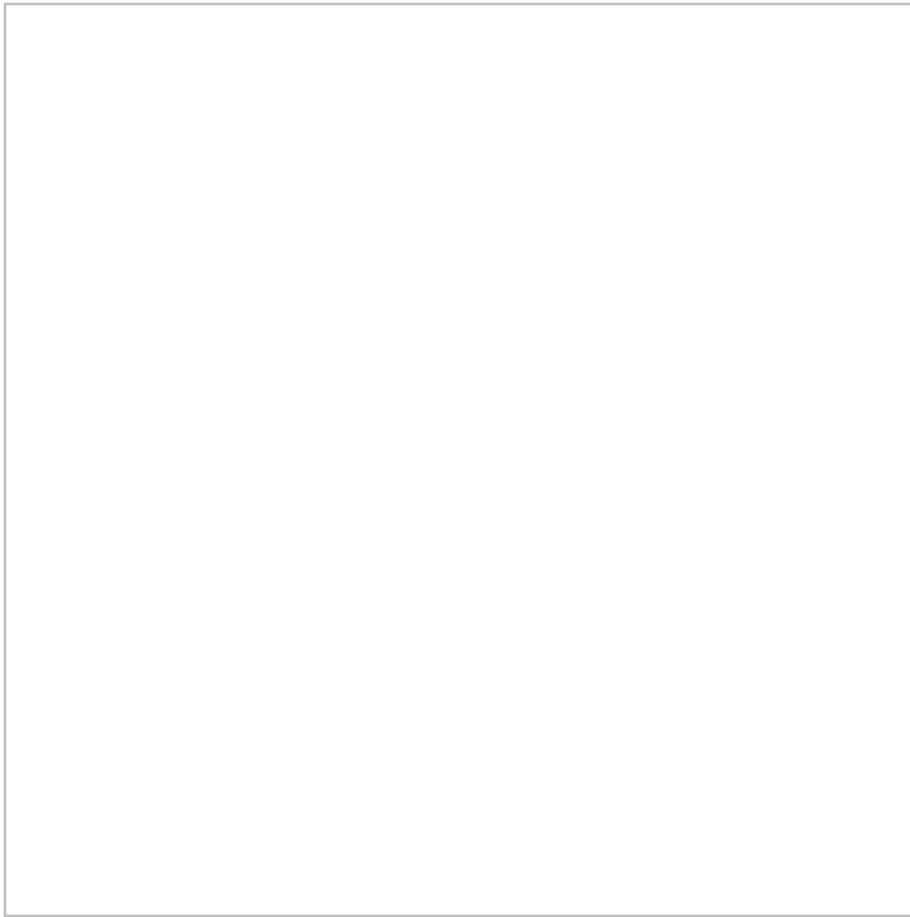
**Every Child Deserves Education Freedom. Let's Take It Nationwide:
Ryan Walters and Jonathan Williams on Fox News**

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, recently co-authored a Fox News op-ed with Ryan Walters, Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction, on working towards education freedom with parental involvement to help give their children the best opportunities. [**Read more**](#).



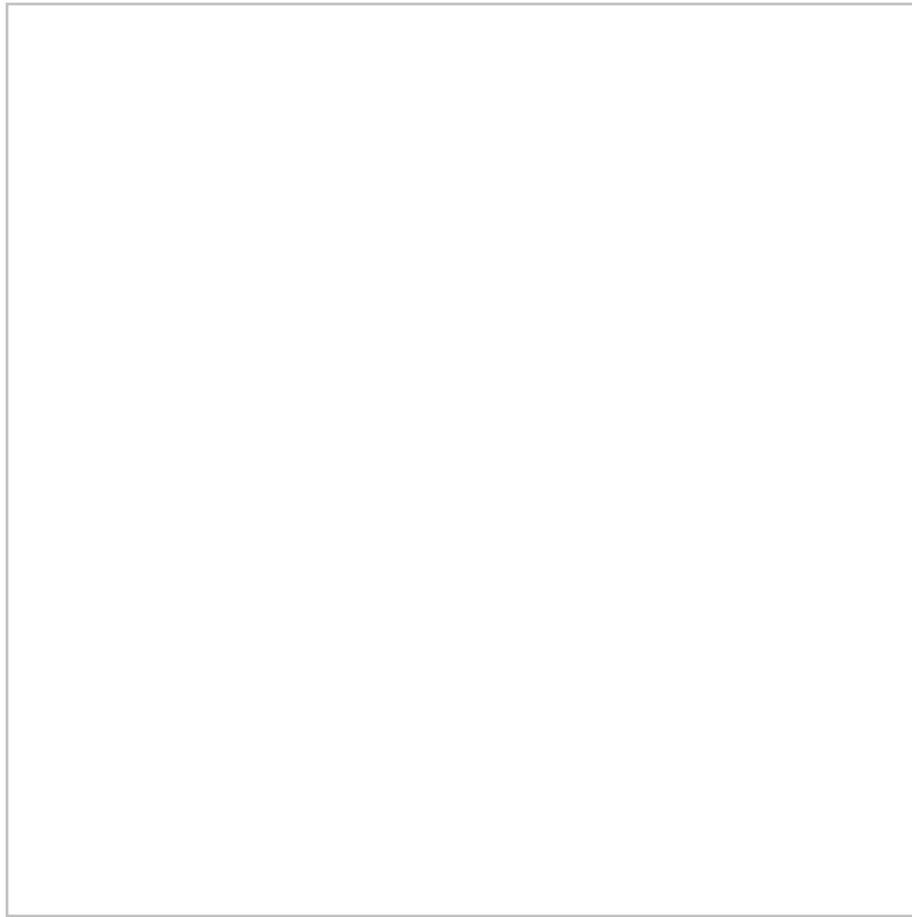
Sound Pension Reform Helps States Keep the Promise

Recently, ALEC published Unaccountable and Unaffordable, 7th Edition, the annual report analyzing unfunded pension liabilities for every state, as part of ALEC portfolio of 50 years of Trusted Policy Solutions. This year, those unfunded liabilities total \$6.96 trillion nationwide – an average of nearly \$21,000 per person. **[Read more.](#)**



Politically Motivated Investing Harming Public Employee Pension Funds: Jonathan Williams on American Radio Journal

In his latest American Radio Journal commentary, ALEC EVP of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams details how politically driven investing is harming public employee pension funds. [**Read more.**](#)



Net Neutrality Rears Its Head Once Again

Just in time for Halloween, Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel and the newly minted Democratic majority on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) resurrected the specter of net neutrality – the effort to reclassify internet service providers as common carrier public utilities under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. [**Read more.**](#)

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Dear FIR and Homeland Security Task Force Members,

In the wake of Hamas' unprovoked and savage attack, know that ALEC stands with Israel. The joint FIR and Homeland Security Task Forces will hold a **Virtual Task Force Meeting on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 10:30am ET** to consider a [Resolution Affirming Support for Israel and Condemning Hamas](#) – RSVP for the meeting [here](#). We changed the date for the meeting to accommodate a special guest speaker – Aryeh Lightstone who was featured in an ALEC [Across the States podcast on Israel and the Abraham Accords](#). An ALEC statement condemning the terrorist assault against our friend and strategic partner is [here](#).

We will send you a link to participate in the meeting on Friday, October 27 and encourage all who can to participate so that we have a quorum which is required to vote on the model policy.

This meeting is being convened by unanimous consent of all members of the Task Force Executive Committee in accordance with the “expedited situation” provisions found in Section VIII Meetings/Subsection H of the ALEC Task Force Operating Procedures (TFOP). Thank you, in advance, for your leadership and participation at this fraught time.

All the best,
Karla

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Upcoming Meetings:

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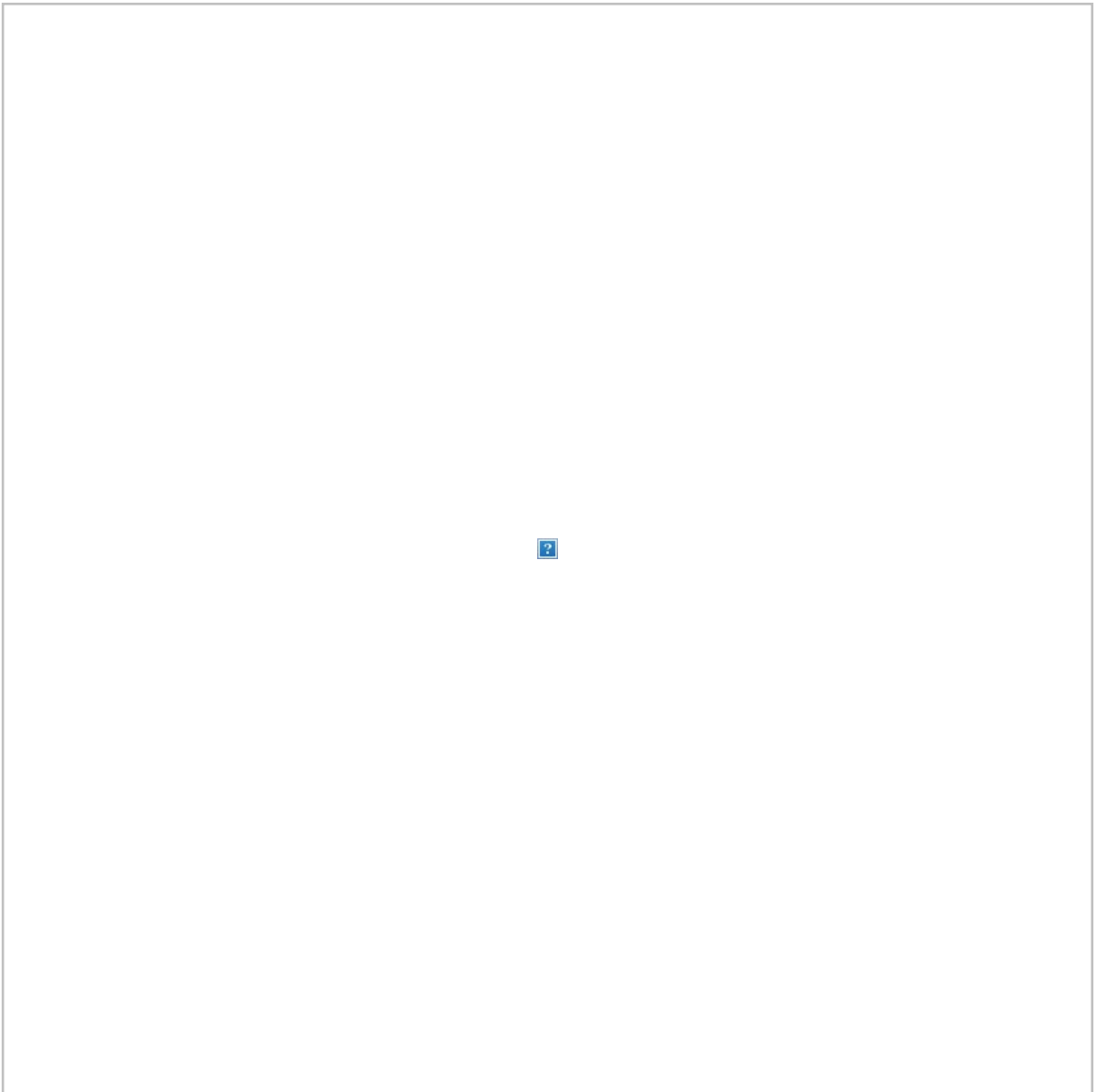
Friends,

This week, Montana set the gold standard for keeping politics out of pensions. The effort, led by [ALEC State Legislators of the Month](#) for March Representative Terry Moore and Senator Tom McGillvray, applies the Sole Interest Rule to investment decisions made by fiduciaries and the voting of shares held by the state. [House Bill 228](#) follows very closely the [ALEC State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act](#), one of many policy solutions found in the ALEC [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#). Congratulations Representative Moore and Senator McGillvray on your extraordinary success!

Our team has also been on the road recently in New Hampshire and New York to hold issue briefings. Thank you to New Hampshire Representative Jordan Ulery and New York Assemblyman Robert Smullen for hosting us. If you are interested in hosting an issue briefing, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As always, please keep in touch, and let me know whenever we can be helpful to you.

All the best,





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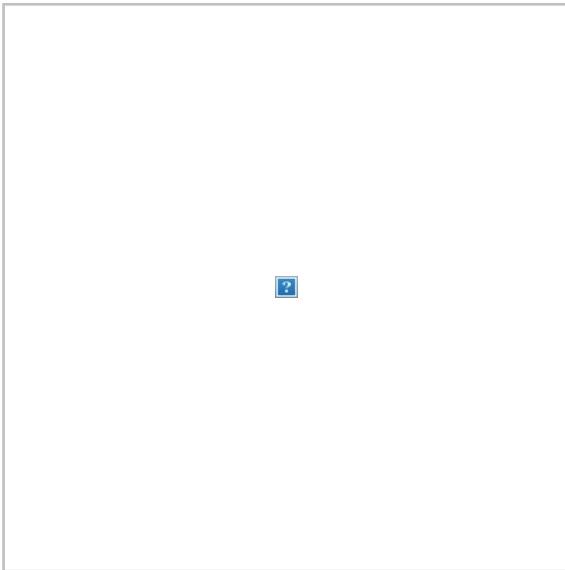
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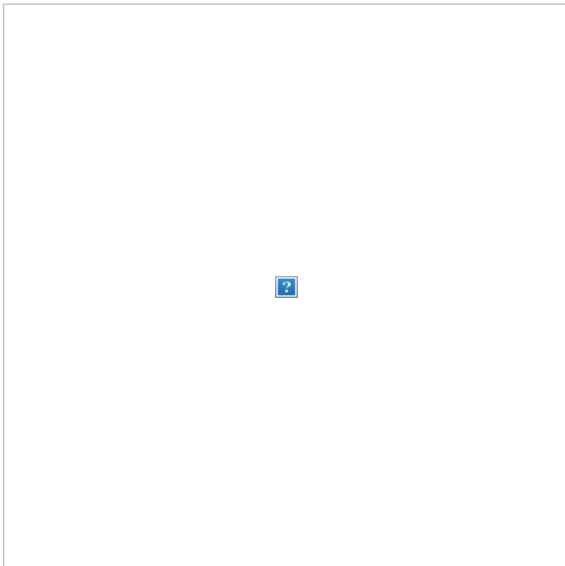
[With First Veto, President Biden Fails to Learn from California: Lee Schalk and Thomas Savidge in The Orange County Register](#)

ALEC Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk and ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform Research Director Thomas



Savidge co-authored a [guest column in The Orange County Register](#) explaining why politically motivated investment strategies can be a recipe for disaster for state pension funds.

[Read more](#)



[Louisiana's Competitive Neighborhood Problem: Jonathan Williams on the Moon Griffon Radio Show](#)

I recently spoke with host Moon Griffon of [Talk 107.3 FM](#) in Louisiana while attending the Solutions Summit 2023 hosted by the Pelican Institute about how Louisiana can better compete with neighboring states.

[Listen now](#)

New Episode of States of Play

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On the latest episode of *States of Play* on American Radio Journal, I discuss the dangers of ESG investing and free market approaches to keeping politics out of pensions.

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Map of the Week

Total Unfunded Pension Liabilities Per Capita

This week's map of the week comes from the [Unaccountable and Unaffordable, 6th Edition](#). The map shows how the states rank in total unfunded pension liabilities per capita. This is a measure of the tax burden for every man, woman and child in each state due to unfunded pension liabilities. Nationally, that per capita total is \$25,000 per capita. To learn more, check out [Unaccountable and Unaffordable, 6th Edition](#).



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ALEC Webinars



Join us for a [webinar](#) where we will discuss our newest [Model Policy submission](#) feature through ALEC Connect.

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[Forestry, Wildfires, and the Good Neighbor Authority](#)

ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director Joe Trotter sat down with the John Locke



Foundation's Jon Sanders and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's Jason Hayes to discuss 'North Carolina: First in Forestry', an analysis of forestry management by Hayes. [Watch now.](#)



North Carolina's Economic Success Story: Jonathan Williams on The Pete Kaliner Show

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke with Pete Kaliner of WBT in Charlotte about North Carolina's #2 economic outlook ranking in the latest edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Watch now.](#)



A Victory For South Carolina Patients

Patients scored a major victory last week in South Carolina, where the House of Representatives voted unanimously for repeal of its certificate of need law. The vote is consistent with ALEC's longstanding Resolution on Certificate of Need (CON) Laws Required for the Establishment of Certain Health Care Services. [Read more.](#)

States Passing Major Communications and Technology Legislation in Lively 2023 Sessions



In recent legislative cycles, governors and state lawmakers have advanced significant legislation tackling many of the hot-button technology, telecom, and internet policy issues that often stall at the federal level. [Read more.](#)



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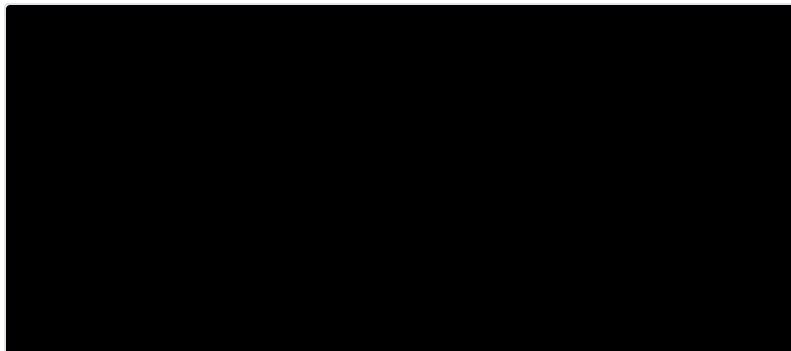
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[Putin Executes Defiant 5G Executives](#)---don't take offense if this doesn't apply to you. MSM is the enemy, but not the only enemy. Wait, what did he say about Tombstone? I've got to listen again to make sure I didn't miss any nuggets. What, Joe Biden laughed about dead Americans in Maui? DS demented lowlife is going to sign another E.O. to lock us down again ... claiming climate change? Please God, help them wakeup so we can stop this insanity. They're not worried because they have a job and they're fearful of losing it.

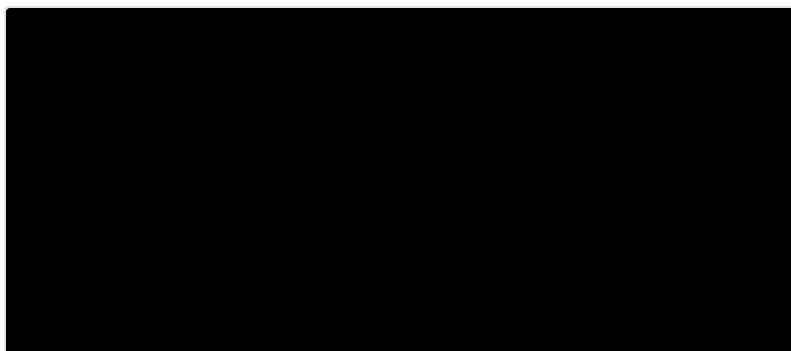


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Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 7:45:15 AM

Jake,

Do you have your 50th Anniversary Gala Ticket? If not, what are you waiting for?

Tickets are almost sold out, secure your seat before they're gone. [Ticket sales end today!](#)



[Ticket sales](#) end today at 11:59 PM EST and will not be sold at the door. Black Tie Optional.



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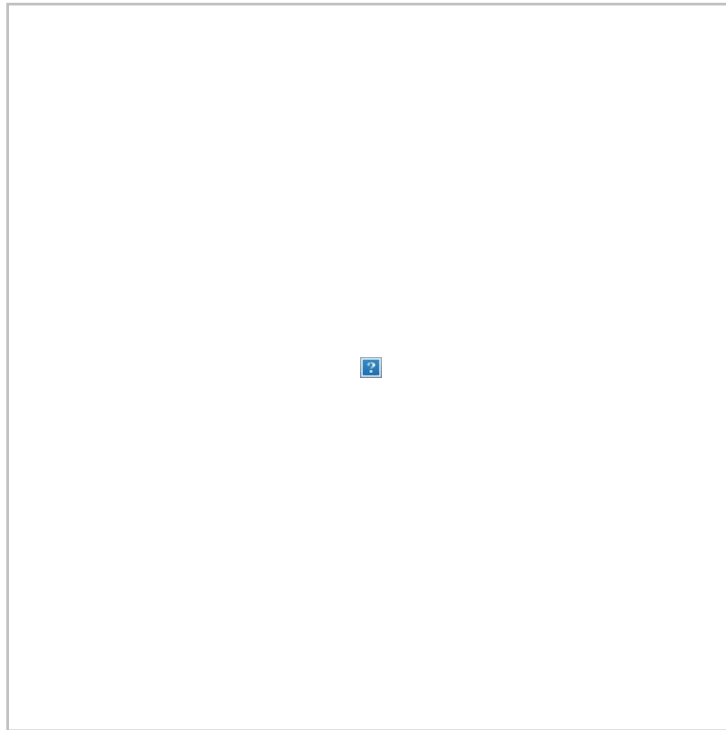


Dear Jake,

It was another great month here at the home of limited government, free markets, and federalism.

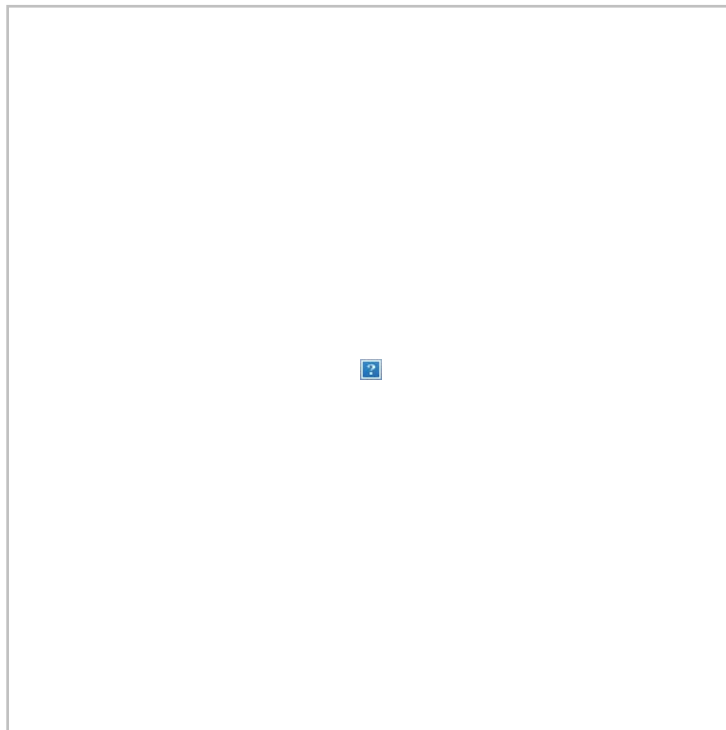
Not only were we recognized by the New York Times as a "key incubator of conservative state legislation," but we continued to provide trusted policy solutions with the release of two new 50-state rankings and held our 50th Anniversary Gala at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC.

With nationally syndicated radio show host Hugh Hewitt serving as master of ceremonies, the day began with in-depth discussions during our Policy Day on Capitol Hill and ended with rousing celebration of freedom at our gala. Led by our 2023 ALEC National Chairman, Speaker-Designate Daniel Perez of Florida, the evening included a special message from ALEC founding member, Ambassador Terry Branstad and keynotes from U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts of Nebraska and Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears of Virginia. Each shared their stories of ALEC past, present, and future as we move ever closer to fulfilling the promise of a more prosperous America with the states leading the way.



(10 Past American Legislative Exchange Council National Chairs)

Looking to the future, we unveiled our prestigious 50 Under 50 list of up-and-coming state legislators and were privileged to be joined by them in Washington to commemorate five decades of ALEC. Under the guidance of these young leaders from across the country, I'm more optimistic than ever about what lies ahead for our organization and our nation.

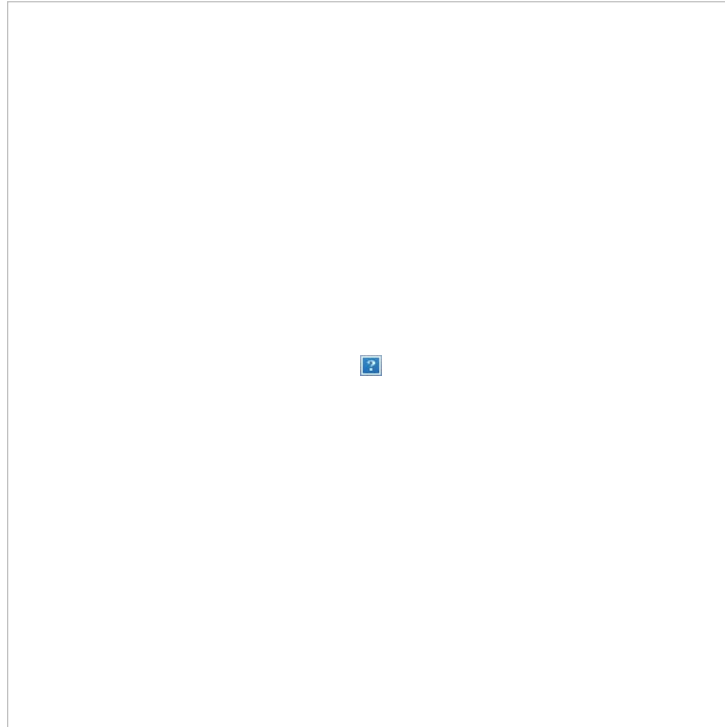


(Utah State Representative Candice Pierucci with Utah State Senate President Stuart Adams & State Representative Karianne Lisonbee)

But that was just the icing on the cake. Last month, we released two groundbreaking reports highlighting [the levels of education freedom](#) and [unfunded public pension liabilities](#) per state.

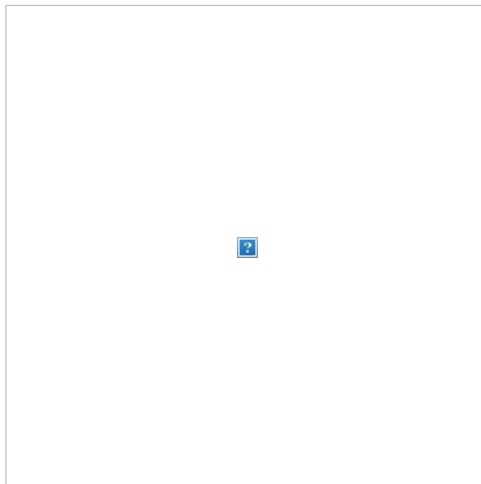
When it comes to empowering parents with education freedom, Florida led the way with top marks thanks to their financing programs, virtual schooling and opening enrollment policies - an accomplishment [Governor Ron DeSantis was happy to share](#)

[with reporters](#) while out in California.



"Just today, Florida got ranked #1 for education freedom by the American Legislative Exchange Council..."

Understanding our pension crisis is difficult, but thankfully our new report charts a path for legislators to permanently fix this growing problem on behalf of retirees and taxpayers. It also highlights the importance of [ALEC's model policy](#) to keep politically driven investment strategies out of state pension funds.



For those of you who made the trip to Washington, DC last week, we thank you for sharing in our celebration. And for those of you who couldn't make it, I know you were with us in spirit. It was a wonderful reminder of the Jeffersonian principles upon which we were founded and will lead us through another 50 years of ALEC success. But fear not, for there is still time to network and learn as we prepare for our [States and Nation Policy Summit](#) this November in Scottsdale, Arizona. We can't wait to see you there.

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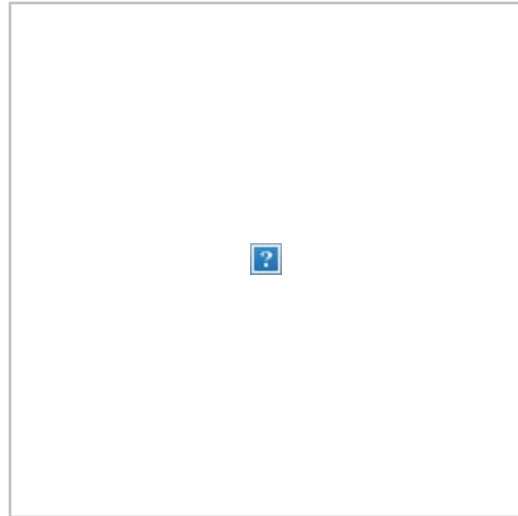
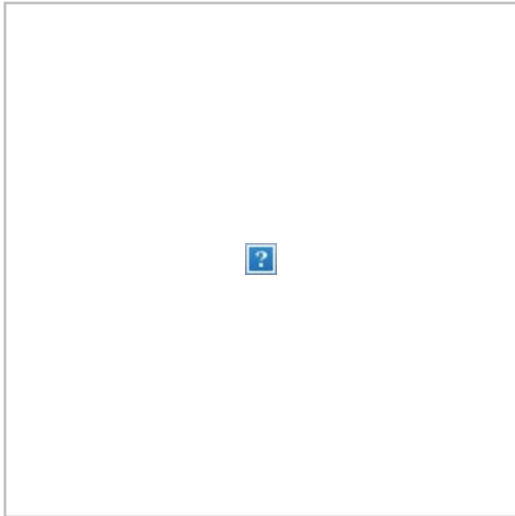


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ALEC in Austin with Steve Moore

ALEC CEO **Lisa Nelson** and the Committee to Unleash Prosperity's **Steve Moore** visited Austin, TX to promote freedom in education, parental empowerment, and dollars following students, not systems. They met with **Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick** and **Senate Education Committee Chairman Brandon Creighton**, who are two of the driving forces behind the effort to create a new and expansive education scholarship account (ESA) program.



This year we have already seen Iowa, Utah, and Arkansas sign new ESA programs into law that will allow any student to participate. These three states join West Virginia and Arizona, who passed such programs in 2021 and 2022, respectively, to bring the total number of states with universal ESAs to five. These reforms follow ALEC's model policy, [The Hope Scholarship Act](#), which expands education opportunity for all families and their children. Fourteen (14) other state legislatures are also currently considering the creation of new ESA programs, with universal proposals gaining steam in Texas, Florida, and Kansas.

Upcoming Webinar

Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 PM EST

CIED Housing and Land Use Working Group

Join the CIED Task Force's Housing and Land Use Working Group for an open discussion about reforms to increase the affordable housing supply in the states. Guest speakers will address reforms including rent control litigation, eliminating parking minimums, and housing vouchers.

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ALEC Commentary



With First Veto, President Biden Fails to Learn from California: Lee Schalk and Thomas Savidge in The Orange County Register

President Biden issued his first veto this week, rejecting a bipartisan resolution from Congress that protected pensions from politicized investment strategies **like Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)**. As many Californians have learned over the years, pension funds that utilize similar strategies can be a recipe for disaster. **Read more.**



Sunshine Week Spotlight: Parental Rights and Academic Transparency

Freedom in education is sweeping across the country. This year alone, three new states, including Iowa, Utah, and Arkansas, have joined West Virginia and Arizona in an elite club by offering universal education scholarship account (ESA) programs for their students and families. **Read more.**



Why a Wealth Tax is a Really Bad Idea: Jonathan Williams and Nick Stark in the Daily Caller

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, co-authored a guest column in the Daily Caller with ALEC Tax and Fiscal Task Force Director Nick Stark explaining the pitfalls of a wealth tax. **Read more.**

Sunshine Week Spotlight: Transparency at the Expense of



Greater Federal Control?

In December 2022, the President signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (NDAA) into law. Buried deep within the nearly 4000-page bill is a mandate that state and local governments prepare their annual financial statements in a standardized format that's electronically searchable known as eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL). [**Read more.**](#)



Taylor Swift, Ticket Sales and the Importance of Free Market Competition

Last week, Ticketmaster announced they will be taking further steps to target scalpers and “educate” consumers on ticketing fees after facing allegations of antitrust violations from a new coalition of free market champions: Taylor Swift fans. [**Read more.**](#)



Regulating Artificial Intelligence Could Stifle Innovative Technology: Jake Morabito on OutKick

ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jake Morabito recently told Tomi Lahren of OutKick that artificial intelligence holds great promise and shouldn't be stifled by government regulations. [**Read more.**](#)

ALEC in the States



Members of the ALEC team traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to meet with ALEC State Chair, Representative John Carson, and Georgia state policy makers to discuss Georgia's recent economic growth and the flat tax. Georgia legislators approved the flat tax, and the Governor signed it into law nearly one year ago, which plans to create significant cuts for taxpayers. Click [here](#) to see the ALEC Principles of Taxation.

Thanks to Representative Carson and the ongoing support from our partners for hosting us in your state!

50th ALEC Annual Meeting

Register now to take advantage of discounted registration rates, be sure to spread the word to your friends and colleagues and help them save today, too! **Early Bird Registration rates end May 31st.**

To reserve a room at the JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, please [register for the 50th/10th ALEC & ACCE Annual Meeting](#). Once your registration is approved, you will receive a registration confirmation email with a link to book your room*. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until sold out.

The ALEC group rate is \$209/night (plus fees and tax).

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Dear ALEC members and friends,

Like you, I get more in my email than I have time to read.

Like you, I have to be selective about what gets my attention. That's why I wanted to commend to you the [daily Committee to Unleash Prosperity Hotline](#). It's written by a talented group of people led by our partner on many issues, Steve Moore who, in a short and concise manner, tells me the things I need to know about things I want to know about.

You know Steve and committee



co-founders Steve Forbes and Dr. Arthur Laffer. So when I tell you the *Hotline* covers everything from the real story about inflation to what's going on in the states that's driving the free market movement closer and closer to victory on key issues, you can believe me.

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Here's a link to a [receive](#) the March 23rd issue featuring ALEC. If you like what you read, [sign up](#).

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Good Morning,

You should have received an email under separate cover from ALEC regarding the agenda and information for the Federalism and International Relations Task Force subcommittee Zoom meeting scheduled for tomorrow, July 20, from 11 AM to 2 PM ET. In case you missed it, here is a link for that meeting:

[Federalism and International Relations Subcommittees](#)

Thursday, July 20

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET

One of the model policies on the agenda focuses on ranked choice voting. This method of voting and the organizations behind this push pose a serious threat to federalism. As you prepare for the meeting tomorrow, we are happy to answer any questions you might have about RCV. I chair the National (Stop) Ranked Choice Voting Working Group and will be available today or tomorrow by phone, email or text. (757) 678-7200, mclarke@virginiainstitute.org.

Here are a few very brief videos that you might find helpful. These were put together by our friends in Alaska who are trying to roll back RCV.

RCV election education costs <https://youtu.be/LoT5fRy7U1U>
RCV suppresses voter turnout <https://youtu.be/enz1neiB16U>
RCV states reversing course <https://youtu.be/sJ253jgEmMo> and <https://youtu.be/h33FthHVYM4>
RCV winners may not have the highest number of votes <https://youtu.be/xaavBYHsrF4>
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RCV unable to complete recount, wrong algorithm used <https://youtu.be/wWk7VUfg9Z4>
RCV errors <https://youtu.be/vIPeyg2B4vU>
Spakovsky and J. Adams: [Ranked Choice Voting Is a Bad Choice](#)
Trent England and Jason Snead at Real America's Voice [Ruining Elections Through Ranked Choice Voting](#)

During the meeting tomorrow, two subject matter experts will give presentations on RCV and then take Q&A. After their presentations, Senator Kern will present the model policy.

[Trent England](#), Founder and Executive Director of Save Our States.
Presentation: Ranked-Choice Voting threatens state and local control of elections.

[Scott Walter](#), President of Capital Research Center.
Presentation: Who Funds the Ranked-Choice Voting Movement

Senator Anthony Kern, AZ
Introduction of model policy: Safeguard American Votes and Elections Act (SAVE)

Act) <https://alec.org/model-policy/safeguard-american-votes-and-elections-act-save-act/>

We ask for your support to move this model policy forward and are happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,
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Subject: RE: ALEC Orlando Conference THIS WEEK: Let's schedule a few minutes to chat!
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Hi there,

I'm busy packing for the conference in Orlando and realized I meant to reach out and see if you will be there.

Please let me know if you plan to attend, and if so, can we please schedule a few minutes to chat? I am the Director of Government Affairs at Tertium Quids, a project of the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, and the Deputy Director of the Election Integrity Network. I would appreciate a moment to introduce myself in person.

Please let me know if you plan to attend the ALEC Orlando Conference this week so I can follow up to connect. Let me know your preferred contact number or email.

Thanks so much and safe travels!

Sincerely,
Melody Clarke
(757) 678- 7200 (Text or call)



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Dear Jake,

Please [join us in Orlando](#) July 26- 28, to strategize with America's top state policymakers and grow your knowledge of limited government solutions.

There is no shortage of policy topics for this meeting, and we will be celebrating the unprecedented success across the country this year on education and fiscal reform and ESG in addition to many other issues.

Agenda Topics to Include:

- Online Safety for Teens
- Broadband Expansion
- Artificial Intelligence
- Human Trafficking

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ends June 28, or when availability runs out.

As a reminder, to receive information on our VIRTUAL subcommittee meetings, you must be registered by Friday, July 14. The subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from July 18th - 21st.

The full meeting agenda is [here](#).

Meeting Agenda



You won't want to miss this year's Welcome Reception at Universal Studios Citywalk, minutes away from the hotel, and [after hours access into Universal Studios](#).

Want to find more to do while you're at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting? Click [here](#) and explore the possibilities!

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Have questions? Contact the ALEC Meetings Team at meetings@alec.org.

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**Congratulations Speaker Designate
Perez!**

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Congratulations to ALEC National Chair Daniel Perez, who was just named the Speaker Designate of the Florida House of Representatives.

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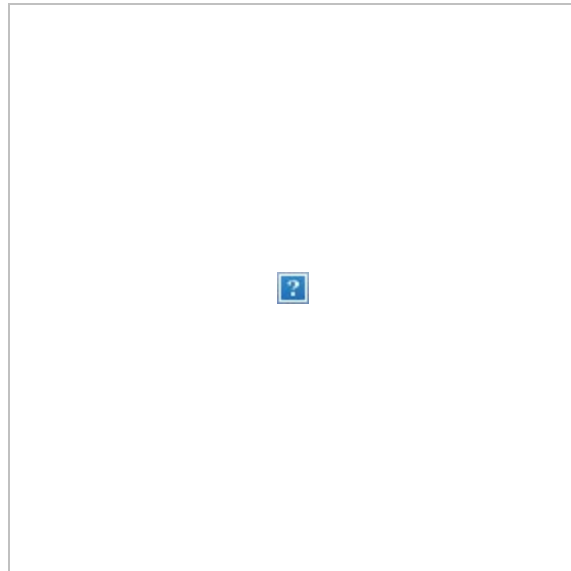
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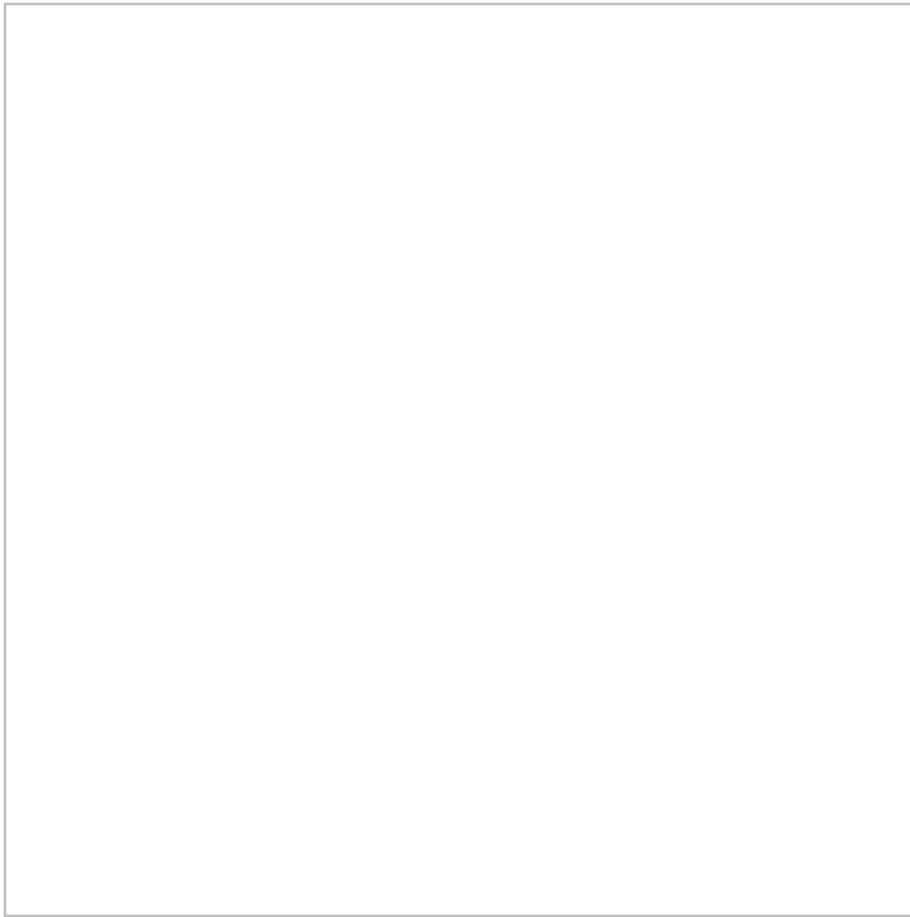
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Unaccountable and Unaffordable, 7th Edition

This week, the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform released Unaccountable and Unaffordable, 7th Edition, an annual report analyzing unfunded public pension liabilities for every state. This year, those unfunded liabilities total \$6.96 trillion nationwide – an average of nearly \$21,000 per person.

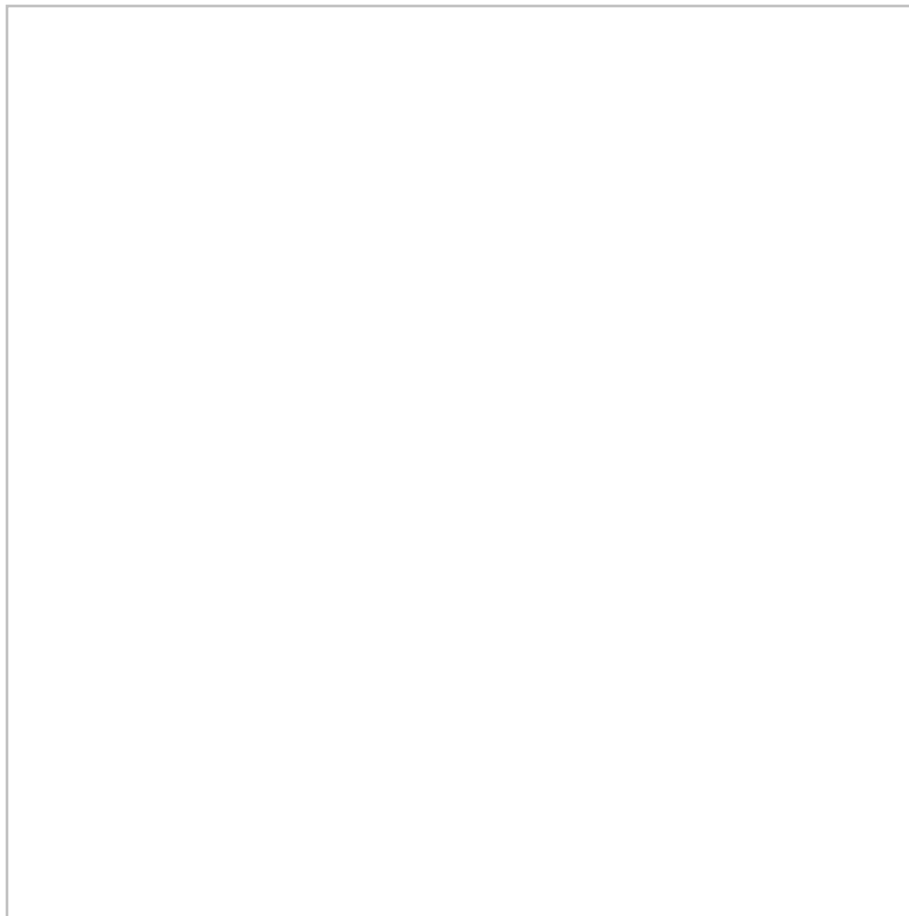


This comparative analysis of state pension systems is a valuable tool for state legislators striving to keep promises made to retired public employees while protecting taxpayers through responsible pension reforms. [Read more.](#)



**States Created the Federal Government, Not the Other Way
Around: Lee Schalk on The Voice of Reason**

Lee Schalk, ALEC Vice President of Policy, spoke with Andy Hooser on The Voice of Reason to discuss 2024 priorities for state legislators regarding state budgets, school choice, AI, and more. [**Read more.**](#)



How Medicaid Cuts Would Impact State Budgets: Brooklyn Roberts on Newstalk STL

Brooklyn Roberts, senior director of the Health and Human Services Task Force, spoke with Tim Jones and Chris Arps on Newstalk STL about a Wall Street Journal op-ed she co-authored with Thomas Savidge discussing what the Fitch Ratings downgrade of the federal government could mean to state budgets and Medicaid. She also discussed the alternatives being examined in the states in regard to healthcare system options for patients. [**Read more.**](#)

ALEC in the States



Last week, ALEC Executive Vice President and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams joined our friends at Empower Mississippi at their annual policy summit to share ideas for economic growth for the Magnolia State. He also recently attended the State Financial Officers Foundation National Meeting and Economic Summit in Dallas, Texas, where he spoke on the importance of limited government, free markets, and federalism with state financial officers from around the country.

In the past week, the ALEC team has also traveled to Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Wyoming to meet with ALEC members and share our trusted policy solutions.

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Federalism and International Relations (FIR) and Homeland Security Task Forces Virtual task Force Meeting - **Date Change**

The joint Federalism and International Relations (FIR) and Homeland Security Task Forces will hold a Virtual Task Force Meeting on **Monday, October 30, 2023 at 10:30am EDT** to consider a **Resolution Affirming Support for Israel and Condemning Hamas**

Please use the button below to register, we will send you a Zoom link on

Friday, October 27 to participate in the meeting on Monday, October 30. We welcome participation by all ALEC members and strongly encourage participation from members of the FIR and Homeland Security Task Forces so that we have a quorum which is required to vote on the model policy. To help keep the exchange of ideas interactive, you will be required to join via a web camera. Please note, dialing into the meeting via a phone line will not be an option.

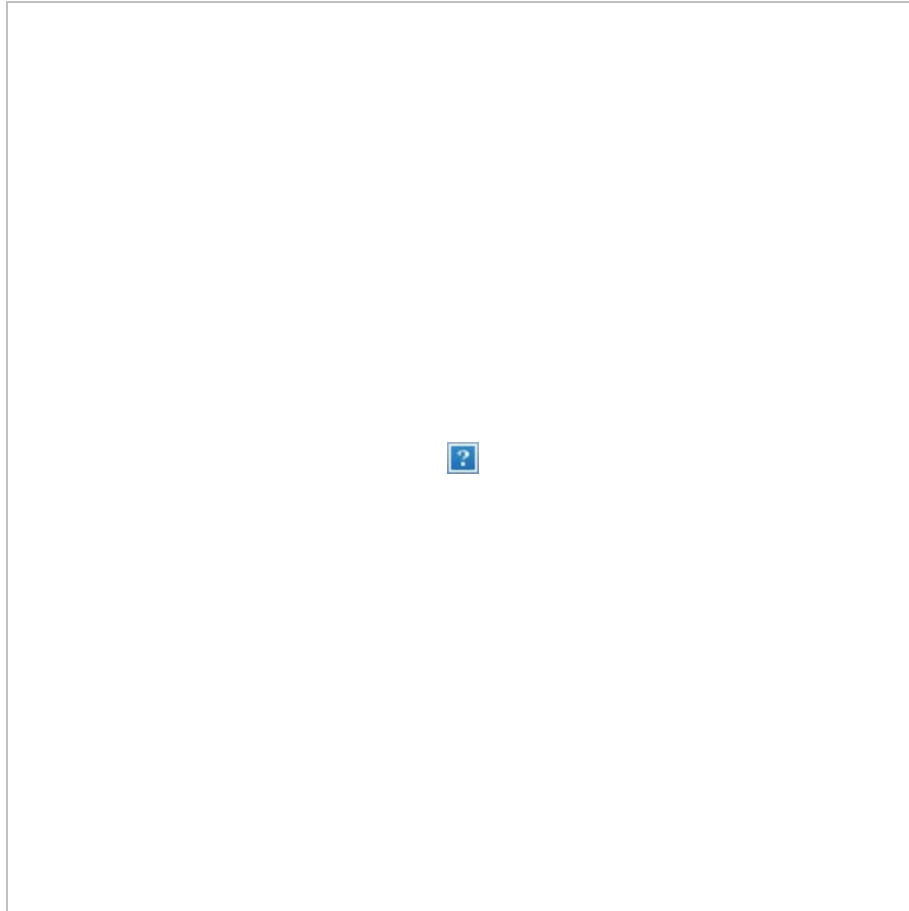
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[Florida Stands with Israel: Florida Speaker Designate Daniel Perez on The Hugh Hewitt Show](#)

Florida Speaker Designate and ALEC National Chair [Daniel Perez](#) spoke with host Hugh Hewitt on [The Hugh Hewitt Show](#) this week to discuss the ongoing conflict in Israel, responses on college campuses like the University of Florida, and more. [Read more.](#)



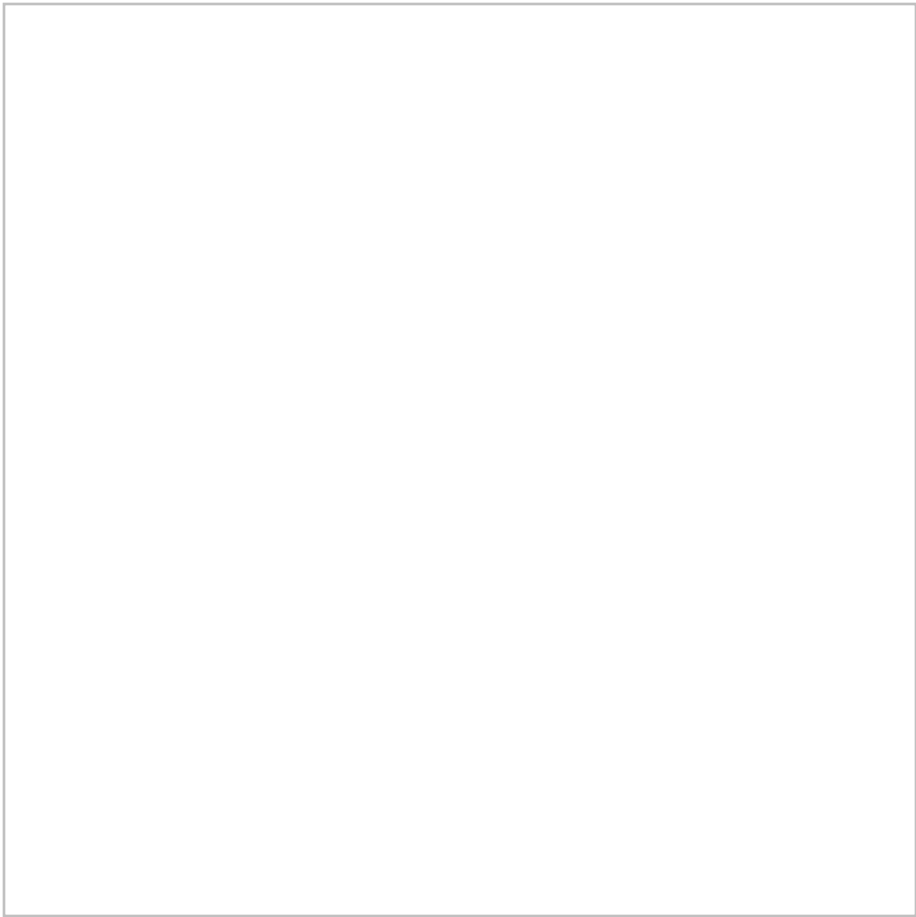
[Israel and Hamas, State EV Mandates, and More: Jonathan Williams on OANN's Weekly Briefing](#)

[Jonathan Williams](#), ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, was featured on [One America News Network](#) as part of a panel discussion on the ongoing conflict in Israel and calls for foreign aid, the latest demands on states from the transition to electric vehicles, and more. [Read more.](#)



States Must Be Fiscally Responsible: Jonathan Williams on American Radio Journal

ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist [Jonathan Williams](#) details on this latest [American Radio Journal commentary](#) on states being fiscally responsible. **[Read more.](#)**



States Working To Better Their Education Systems: Andrew Handel on The Voice of Reason

Are states delivering more education freedom for parents and students? [Andrew Handel](#), ALEC Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director, discusses with host Andy Hooser on [The Voice of Reason](#) show the new ALEC education freedom rankings by state. The topics discussed include financial freedom, open enrollment, parental empowerment, and more. [Read more.](#)



Michigan Taxpayers Head to Court: Income Tax Cuts Merely Temporary Relief?

Michigan taxpayers recently took legal action against State Treasurer Rachel Eubanks in an effort to uphold the permanency of their 2015 tax cuts. The 2015 tax reform [package](#) at the center of the lawsuit requires Michigan officials to reduce the state income tax if general fund revenue increased at a rate that exceeded that of inflation. Contrary to the intent of lawmakers in 2015, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel says those tax cuts provided merely, “temporary relief.” [Read more.](#)



School Choice & Education Reform: Andrew Handel on NewstalkSTL

The Index of State Education Freedom is a brand new publication. We just released our first edition just here in the last couple of weeks, and then we're planning to renew it annually, but it basically just takes a look at all fifty states, and it looks at what educational options are available to families. [Read more.](#)

It's Renewal Season!

The end of the year is fast approaching! If you're a legislative member, now is a great time to [renew your membership](#) ahead of our upcoming States & Nation Policy Summit.

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ALEC Highlights



Academy Spotlight
Economic Liberty Academy – Nashville, TN

Last week, ALEC hosted the Economic Liberty Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. We were joined by nearly 20 state legislators from 14 states to discuss policies that foster strong and flourishing state economies. Topics included deregulation efforts that expand opportunity, tackling central bank digital currencies, addressing politicized investment strategies like ESG, protecting free market competition, and more. Attendees also had the opportunity to connect about other issues facing their states and to share proven solutions. A special thanks to our sponsors for helping make this event a success!

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala



**We are excited to announce that tickets are now available
for the ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala on October 4th at the National
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9:00 PM Champagne Dessert Reception

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**Registration for the 2023 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit will
open next Wednesday, September 6!**

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BLOG: New Model Policies from 50th ALEC Annual Meeting

- ALEC's latest model policies address issues like ranked-choice voting, artificial intelligence, central bank digital currency, keeping politics out of state pension investments, and more.
- "As Washington debates legislation filled with higher taxes and more regulations, the American people are looking to the states for leadership," said Lisa B. Nelson, ALEC CEO. "With these new model policies, ALEC members have delivered trusted policy solutions to protect individual liberty and create a better life for all." **[Read the press release.](#)**



VIDEO: Georgia State Rep. Mesha Mainor at the ALEC Annual Meeting

- In this candid ALEC TV conversation, Rep. Mainor discusses her journey, her love of canvassing, and the grim literacy and math proficiency statistics that drove her to champion school choice so that children and parents are provided with the tools necessary to reach their ultimate potential. **Watch now.**



VIDEO: States Must Respond with Discipline after Credit Downgrade

- ALEC VP of Policy Lee Schalk sat down Lars Dalseide to discuss his **latest op-ed** (co-authored with ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform Research Director Thomas Savidge) analyzing how the recent credit downgrade by Fitch Ratings will affect states relying on federal funds to fuel their budget shortfalls. **Watch now.**



LISTEN: How Can Hawaii Bounce Back: Jonathan Williams on The Hugh Hewitt Show

- **Jonathan Williams**, ALEC Chief Economist and EVP of Policy, recently appeared on **The Hugh Hewitt Show** and discussed the tragic impact from the Hawaiian wildfires. **Listen now**.

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New 50-State Education Freedom Rankings

Today, we are proud to announce the launch of *[The ALEC Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment](#)*, which evaluates each state on essential policies that maximize parental empowerment, education freedom, and student achievement. These new rankings focus on five categories of state education policy: funding and financing programs, charter schools, homeschooling, virtual schooling, and open enrollment.

“Parents across the country have made their voices clear: the status quo in American education isn’t working, and they are demanding access to more educational options for their students,” said ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson. “Whether a public school, virtual school, charter school, home school, or

some other educational environment, states are leading the way by making all of these a possibility for families to choose from.”

How did your state rank? [Find out here.](#)

[Read the press release.](#)

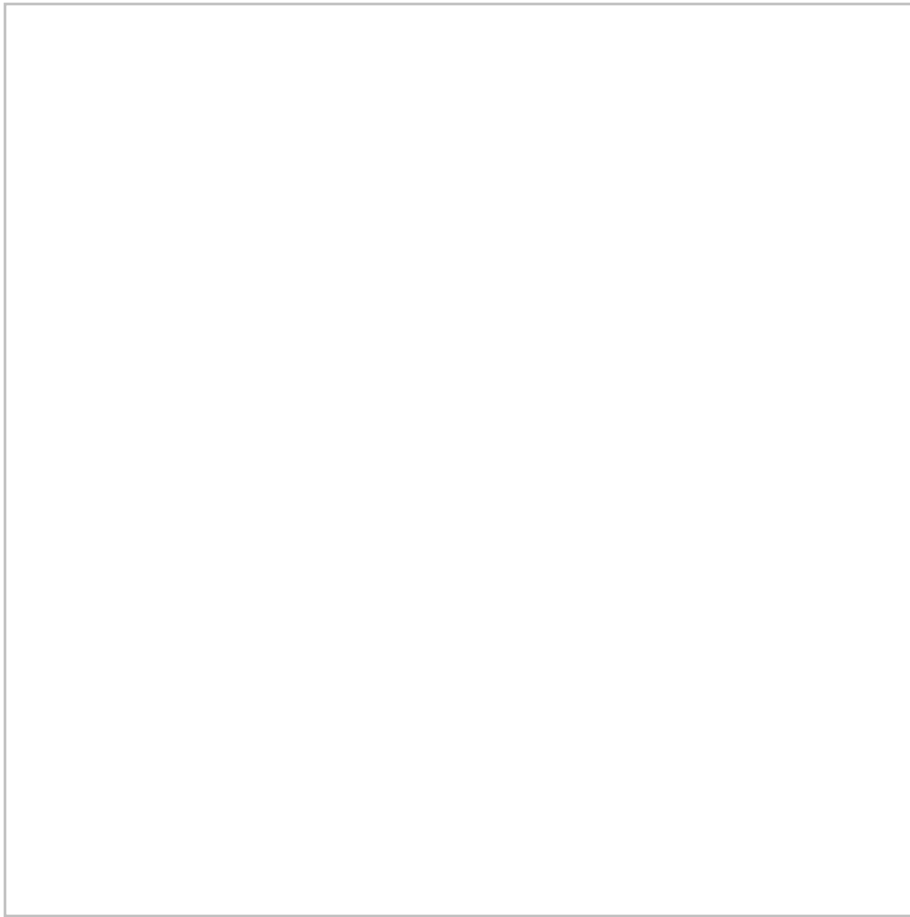
Webinar: Exploring ALEC's New 50-State Guide to Education Freedom

Join us **October 6 at 2:00 PM EST** for a webinar with the report author and special guests to discuss the brand new ALEC Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment.

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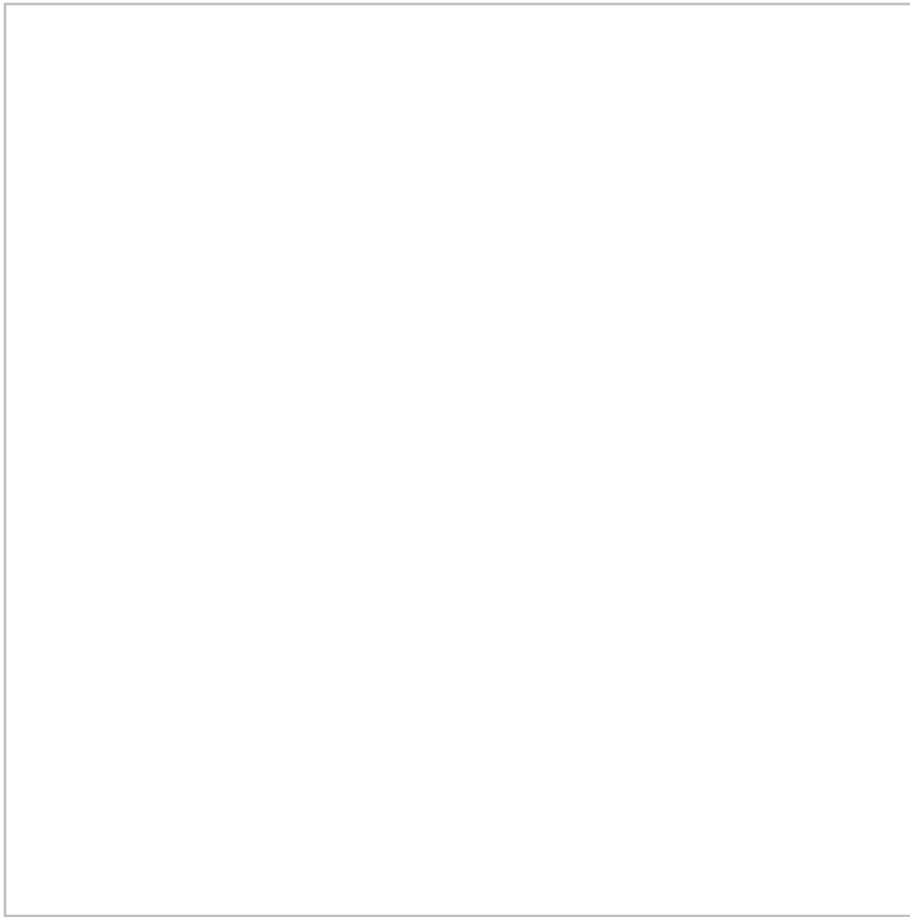
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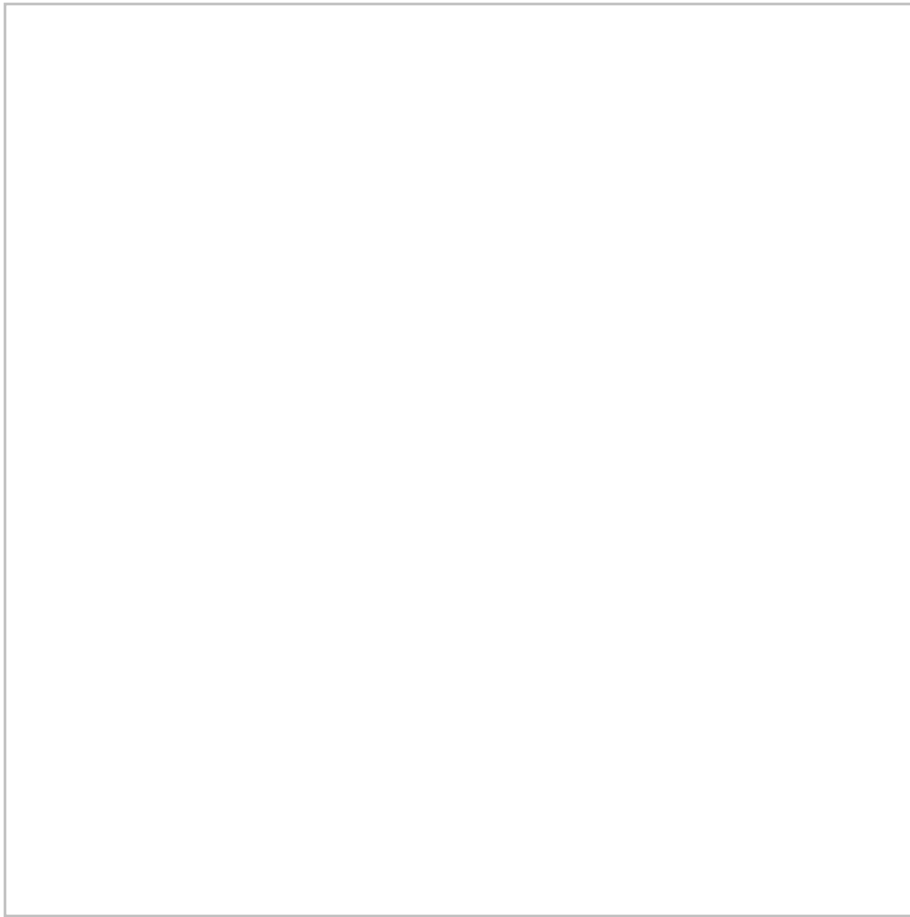
Last week, we hosted 15 legislators from 13 states at the ALEC Energy Academy in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Presentations centered on ESG, energy affordability, mixing generation capabilities, clean water, and more. Thank you to our sponsors for helping to make this event a huge success!

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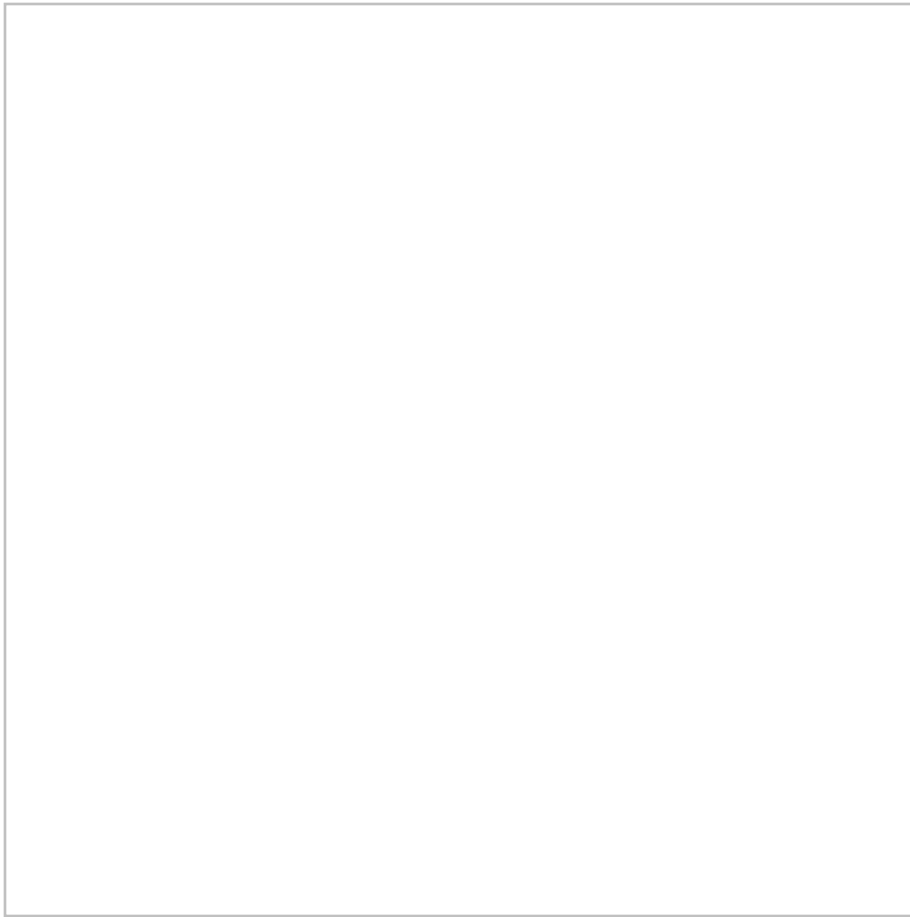
We also were joined by legislators from across the country in Colorado Springs for last week's ALEC Education Academy. During discussions on education opportunity, a major emphasis was placed on universal policies that do not limit programs to certain groups of students. Additionally, heard excellent keynote speeches from former Tennessee Rep. John DeBerry, economist Steve Moore, and journalist John Fund. Once again, a special thanks to our sponsors for making the academy possible!

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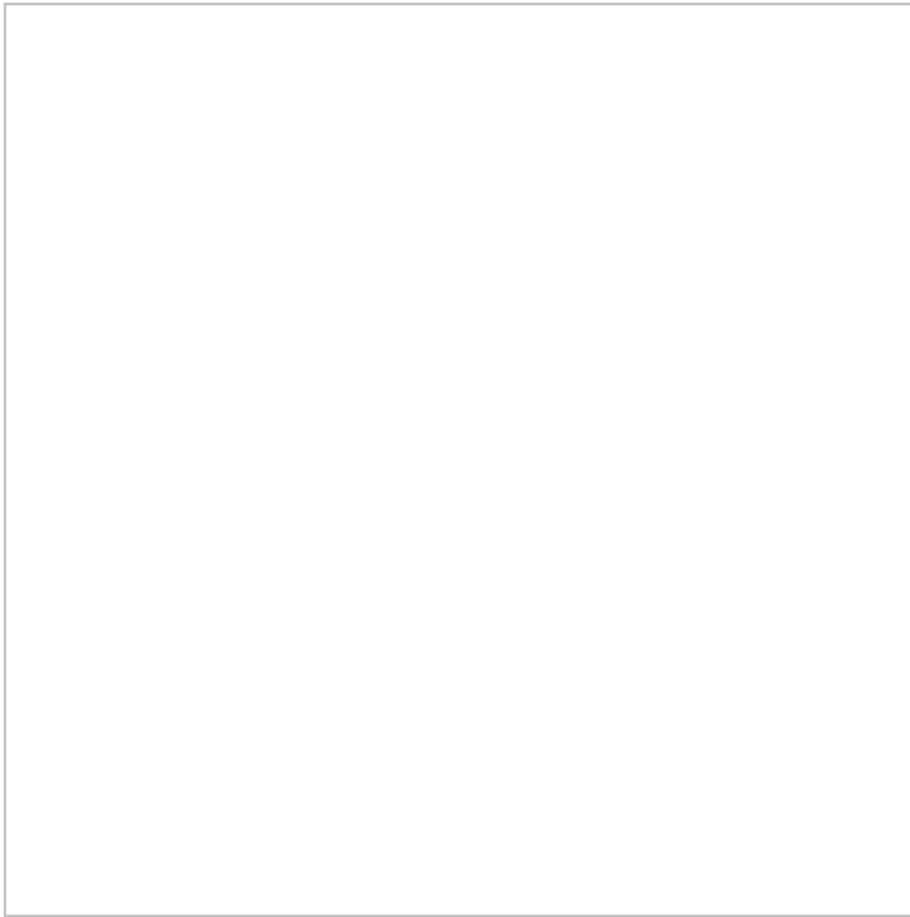
**Near Record-High Oil Output Hides Lag in Biden Policy Impact:
Joe Trotter in The Epoch Times**

Joe Trotter, ALEC Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Director, was featured in The Epoch Times with energy sector experts discussing the long-term concerns behind the scenes that could curtail oil and gas supply lines in coming years despite the increased production output. [**Read more.**](#)



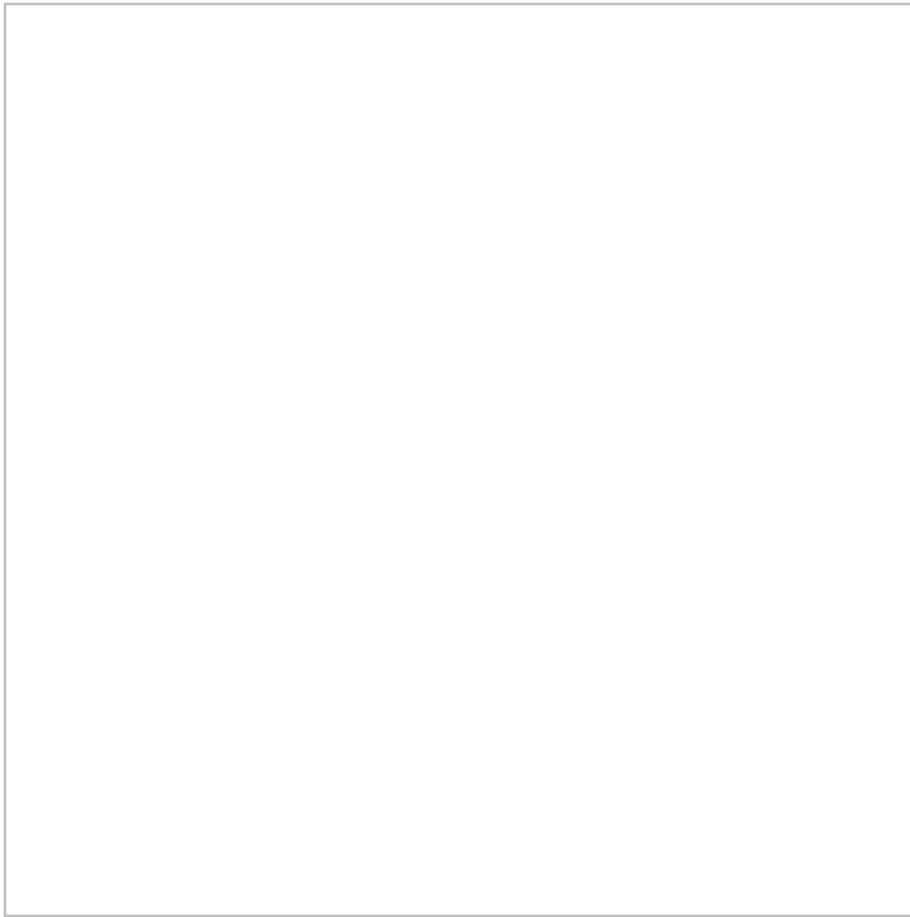
**Potential Pension Troubles Pose A Serious Threat To States:
ALEC in The Daily Caller**

ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson and EVP of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams were featured in The Daily Caller detailing the major concerns regarding unfunded pension liabilities and the danger from it that could impact state finances as noted in the latest ALEC report, Unaccountable and Unaffordable. [**Read more.**](#)



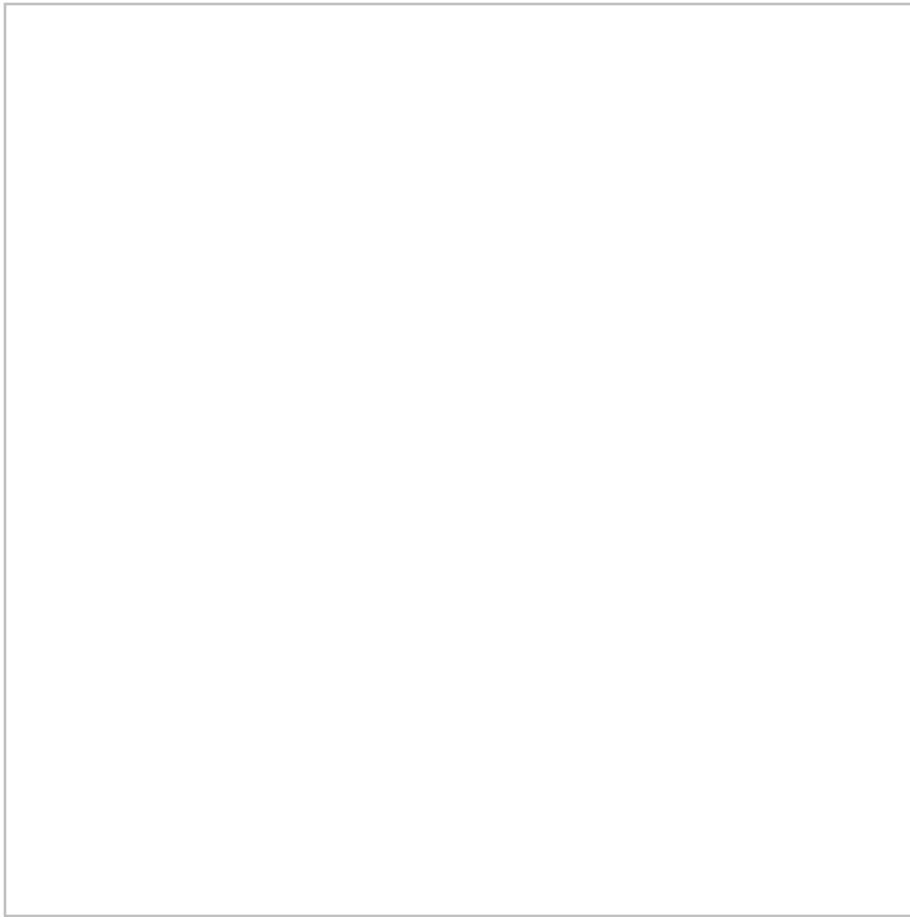
The Illinois Pension Problem: Jonathan Williams in The Center Square

Jonathan Williams, ALEC's EVP of Policy and Chief Economist, relays on The Center Square the economic risks to Illinois due to unfunded pension liabilities. **[Read more](#)**.



Georgia Lawmakers Put State's Tax Credits Under New Scrutiny: Nick Stark in The Augusta Press

How can Georgians get better returns from their current system of tax credits and exemptions? Nick Stark, ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Director, was featured in The Augusta Press presenting alternative perspectives for better tax incentives for companies in Georgia to improve economic prosperity based on his presentation before the Georgia House Legislative Committee. [**Read more.**](#)



Pro-Growth Momentum in the Magnolia State: Jonathan Williams Joins Panel Discussion on Mississippi Economy

At the recent Unleash Mississippi policy summit hosted by Empower Mississippi, ALEC EVP and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams joined a panel discussion that explored how Mississippi can capitalize on its pro-growth momentum. He was joined on the panel by Jon Caldara, President of the Independence Institute in Colorado and Russ Latino, CEO of Magnolia Tribute. [**Read more.**](#)

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From: [This Week at ALEC](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Special Edition: Just Released Rich States, Poor States
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 12:20:21 PM



This Week at ALEC - Special Edition Rich States, Poor States 16th Edition

Today, we released the 16th edition of ALEC's [Rich States, Poor States](#) featuring an evaluation of each state's economic policies and performance to better

understand its economic trajectory.

[Register HERE for next week's webinar with the report authors.](#)

The report, which has been used by lawmakers across the states since 2007, is co-authored by Reagan Economist Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, FreedomWorks Economist Stephen Moore, and ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams.

Read the Report

"This new edition of Rich States, Poor States showcases how states are competing with one another to become bastions of freedom and opportunity. Ultimately, it is the American people who benefit from this friendly competition, which ALEC is proud to promote."

- ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson

Latest Movements in State Economic Growth and Competition



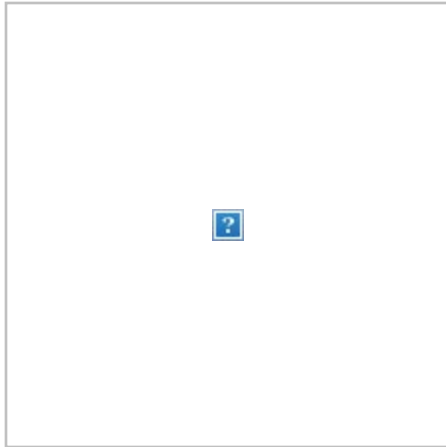
It's no surprise the top five states in economic outlook for 2022 are Utah, North Carolina, Arizona, Idaho, and Oklahoma. **Utah's pro-taxpayer policies have earned them first place for a striking 16 years in a row!**

The least competitive states may not come as a surprise either: Illinois, New Jersey, Minnesota, Vermont — with New York dead last.

Check out RichStatesPoorStates.org to track your state's progress over 16 years. You can also adjust your state's policies to see how you can improve!

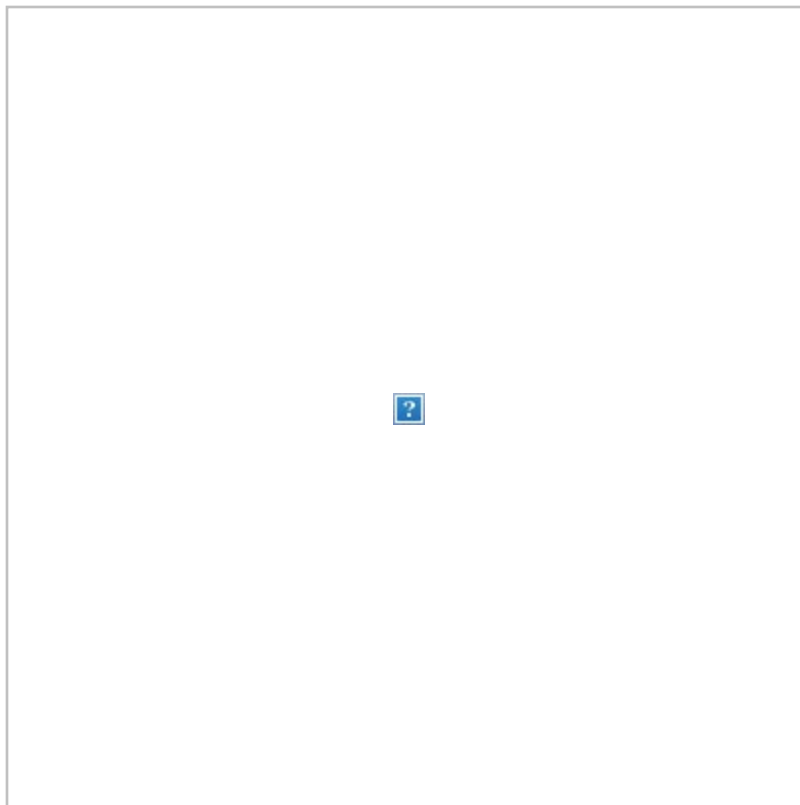
Find Your State

**Rich States, Poor States Launched in
Salt Lake City, Utah**



To celebrate Utah's number one ranking, ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams launched the new Rich States, Poor States today in Salt Lake City alongside Gov. Spencer Cox, Senate President Stuart Adams, and Speaker Brad Wilson.

ALEC's Flagship Guide to Economic Growth: Rich States, Poor States



The impact doesn't stop at academic curiosity. Policymakers are taking heed of ALEC's research, and changing the direction of their policy agendas for the better.

Watch our next video from the 50th anniversary series, Rich States, Poor States with Art Laffer, Steve Moore and others where they review the topline findings of economic outlook and performance for 2022.

Daily Caller Op-Ed: Pro-Growth Policies Have Americans Flocking To These States

As Americans continue to pay more for groceries and gas, most have little appetite for higher taxes. That didn't stop President Joe Biden from recently pushing a \$4.7 trillion federal tax increase in his new budget proposal, targeting American businesses, families, and energy producers.

The tone-deaf call for federal tax hikes comes amid record setting federal tax collections last year, totaling \$4.9 trillion. Washington can't quit its spending addiction either, as the national debt is approaches a previously unfathomable \$32 trillion.

There is, however, hope to be had across the 50 states – the laboratories of democracy. This legislative session, a growing number of states are countering D.C.'s big government policies by implementing pro-growth and pro-worker policies at the state level. And that's the smart approach. As the latest Census data reveals, millions of Americans are voting with their feet by moving to states with more freedom and more opportunity. [Continue reading >>>](#)

Upcoming ALEC Webinar on Tax Day

When: April 18, 2023 02:00 PM EST

Topic: Rich States, Poor States 16th Edition: Conversations with the Co-Authors

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From: [Jake Morabito](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Special Invitation: 2023 ALEC Emerging Technology Academy
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 12:16:48 PM



Dear Jake,

You are invited to the [2023 Emerging Technology Academy](#).

At the Emerging Technology Academy, legislative participants will meet with leading industry experts and tech policy thought leaders to discuss the latest emerging technology innovations on the horizon. Legislators will learn how pro-innovation policies in the states rooted in ALEC's principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism will best position the U.S. as the global technology leader for decades to come. Throughout the forum, lawmakers will engage in highly interactive conversations with tech leaders and are encouraged to offer insights, provide feedback, present your experiences, and analyze solutions to the public policy issues surrounding emerging tech.

Discussion topics will include a wide range of emerging technology subjects and their projected impacts, including but not limited to artificial intelligence, smart cities and autonomous vehicles, data privacy and child online safety, cybersecurity challenges, broadband and next generation wireless communications, and much more.

As an invited legislative participant, all session meals, two nights of housing, and the opportunity for reimbursement of up to \$550 for qualified transportation expenses will be provided. (All if allowable in your state.) Your participation in the full event is required to be eligible for reimbursement.

Please [click here](#) to register for the Academy and for more details. Please be aware that this event is invitation-only and space is limited.

I hope you will be able to join us this October in California. Should you have any questions, please contact Jake Morabito at jmorabito@alec.org or (571) 482-5021.

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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: States and Nation Policy Summit Updated Information
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 12:11:05 PM



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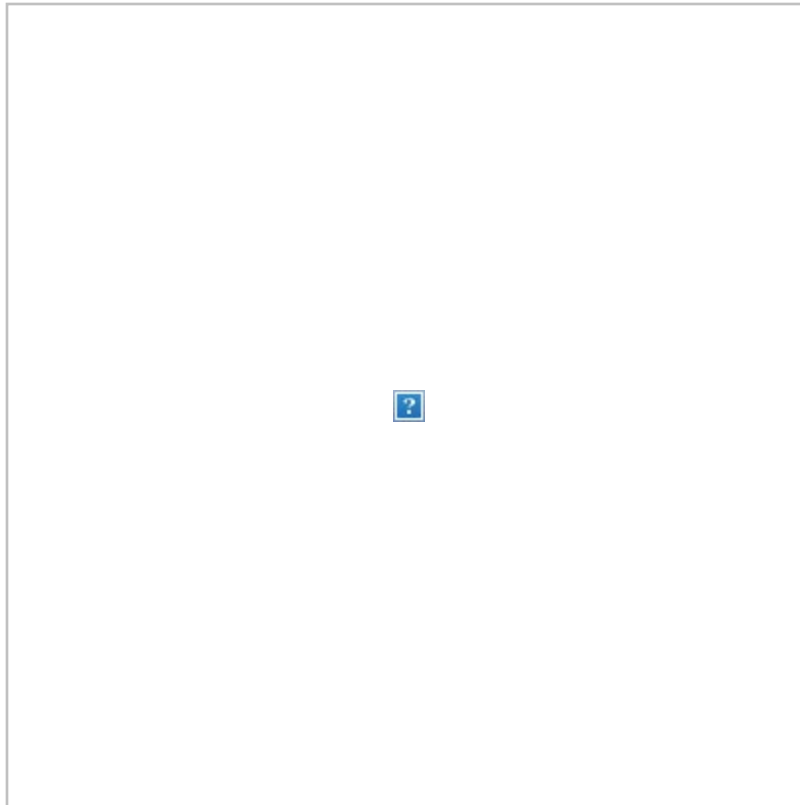
Dreaming of warm sunny days? Why not join ALEC in sunny Arizona for the [2023 States & Nation Policy Summit](#)? This year we are kicking off our Summit with a golf tournament at the Westin Kierland Golf Club. Please note, space is limited and only available to registered Summit attendees. You must pre-register for the event. Email Alex Hinson at AHinson@alec.org for more information. Will you be the champion?

ALEC will honor its 2023 award recipients at this year's States & Nation Policy Summit Jefferson Dinner and Awards Celebration on Tuesday,

November 28 from 5:45 - 8:30 PM.

Jake, ready to secure your seat and join us in Arizona?

Hurry! Time is running out to register at the early bird rate.



[Register Now](#)

During the event, you'll collaborate with state policymakers on solutions for the most pressing issues facing America, including:

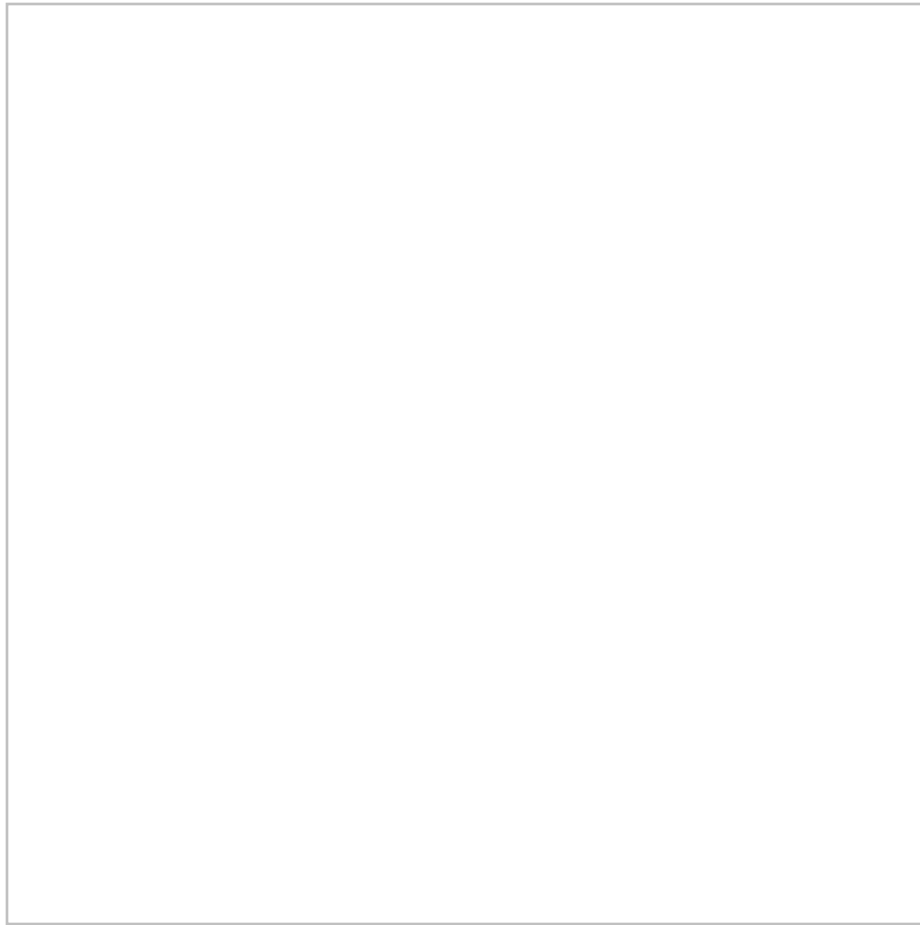
- **Online Safety for Minors**
- **Affordable Housing and Zoning**
- **School Safety and Security**
- **ESG**

And with dozens of other breakout events, you'll build a network that will position you for success in the future.



What are you waiting for, register now!

Register Now



Upcoming Deadlines

- November 1: Early Bird Registration deadline
- November 2: Standard Registration begins
- Attendees MUST register by Friday, November 10 to receive information to join the virtual subcommittee meetings.

Task Force Model Policy Information

The 2023 States & Nation Policy Task Force Meeting Agenda's and draft Model Policy information will be posted on [ALEC.Org](https://alec.org) on the 30-day deadline - October 30, as well as emailed to all active task force members.

Summit Agenda

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Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 10:10:21 AM



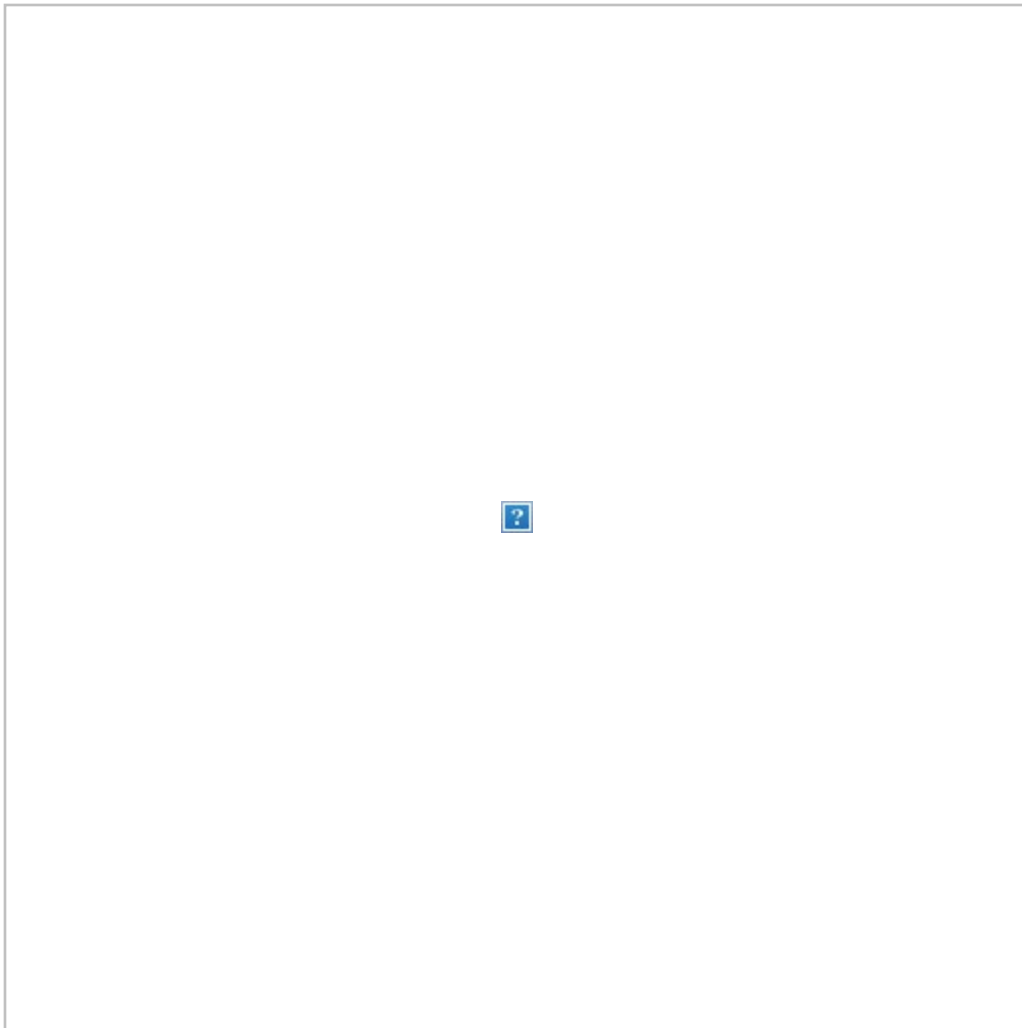
Dear Jake,

The 50th ALEC Annual Meeting will be here before you know it, and our event has something for everyone!

Our Annual Meeting is the premier meeting for policymakers committed to free enterprise and individual liberty. State legislators, elected local officials, and public policy experts gather to discuss and address major state policy issues, participate in interactive and immersive learning experiences, and connect with peers and industry experts from across the states.

Be sure to [check out Kid's Congress](#), which we will host again this year. All children, ages 6 months to 17 years, are welcome to participate. We will have age-oriented

planned activities for them, which will all take place at the on-site center. Children from ages 6 to 17 will have the chance to go off-site to see more of what Orlando has to offer.



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[The hotel](#) is also just minutes away from some of Orlando's best theme parks! Use the link below to access discounted tickets to area theme parks and more. Be sure to budget time to take advantage of the best that Orlando has to offer.

[Discounted Opportunities](#)

This year we will host our Annual Meeting Welcome Reception in Universal Studios at the Universal City Walk! Join us on the evening of Wednesday, July 26 as the Florida Host Committee welcomes us to their home state. Plan to dress "theme-park casual" and bring the kids! With the purchase of a ticket, you will be able to take in everything Universal has to offer during their late night park hours following

the reception. An email with additional information on purchasing tickets will be coming soon!

We have partnered with Southwest Airlines to provide you with discounted plane tickets, making the trip even more affordable! Take advantage of this opportunity by following the steps below.

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[Register here](#) to join us in July. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
Vice President of Events

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Other Upcoming Events



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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Sun, Fun, and Freedom at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting ☀
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:39:07 AM



Dear Jake,

Do you want to be a leader in your next legislative session?

Join ALEC in Orlando, Florida, to strategize with America's top state policymakers from July 26 - 28.

You'll build a network of policymakers and industry experts, grow your knowledge of limited government solutions, and expand your influence in your state's legislative process.

Early-bird registration rates end in just three weeks on May 31st.

[Register now before time runs out!](#)



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During the event, you'll collaborate with state policymakers on solutions for the most pressing issues facing America, including:

- Fostering economic growth
- Education and parental freedom
- Online safety

And with dozens of other breakout events, you'll build a network of problem-solvers in policy and business that will position you for success in the future.

From the Welcome Reception at Universal Studios to the annual [Kids Congress](#), the ALEC Annual Meeting is fit for family fun! The [hotel](#) is minutes away from Orlando's premiere theme parks. Use the link below to access discounted tickets.

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We hope these amenities and discounts make it easy and enjoyable for you to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting – and equip yourself for success as a policy champion.

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From: [Jonathan Williams](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Tax Day Briefing Tomorrow Register Now
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:21:17 PM



Friends –

Please join us tomorrow, **April 18th at 2PM EST**, for a special Tax Day briefing on the new 16th edition of [***Rich States, Poor States.***](#)

[Register Now](#)

I'll be joined by my co-authors Dr. Art Laffer and Stephen Moore to discuss the biggest winners and losers in this year's report, as well as the

latest economic policy trends – and why they matter. We will also host a live Q&A session.

All the best,



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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: Thank You Sunshine State!
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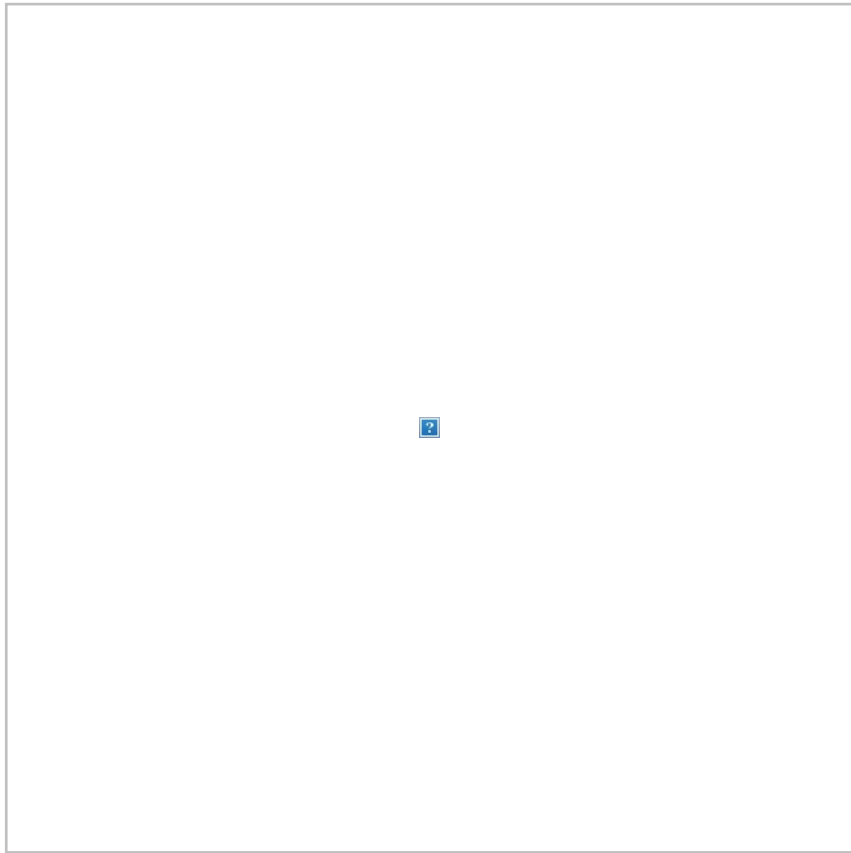


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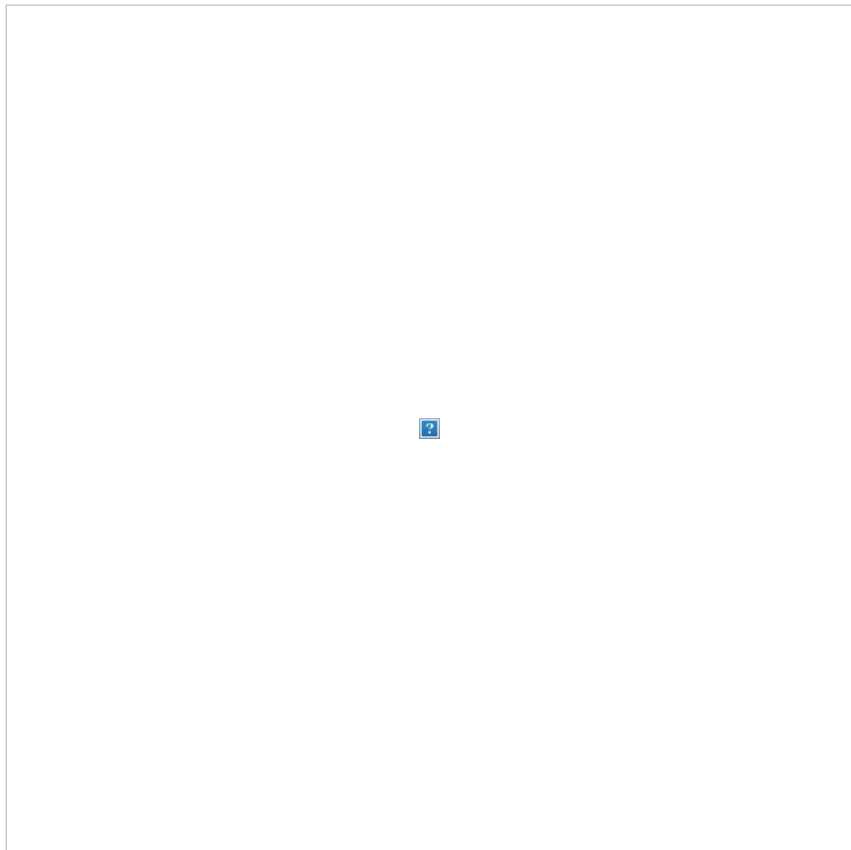
Wow - what a week!

Everyone who made it down to Orlando, FL, for our 50th Annual Meeting were treated to an incredible lineup of speakers and presenters including Governors, Senators, Ambassadors, and more.

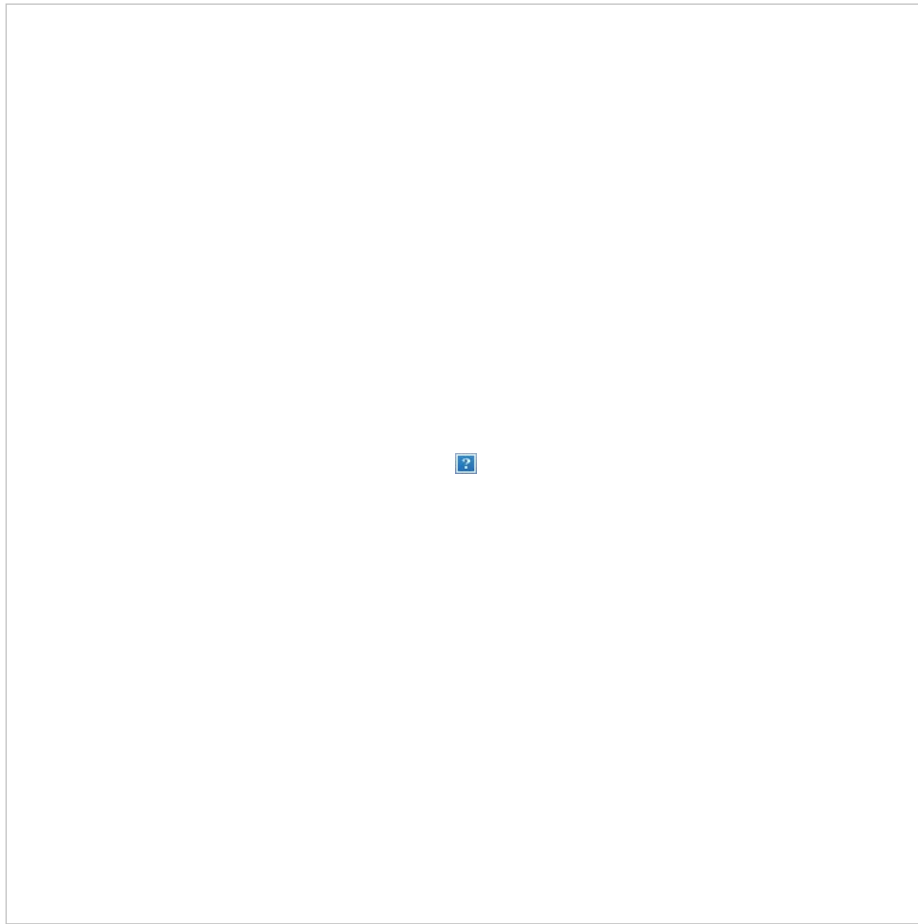
We kicked things off on Wednesday with a welcoming address from [Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis](#).



Thursday morning we were treated to a discussion by Dr. Arthur Laffer & Cathie Wood about [innovation on Wall Street & in America's educational system](#).



Thursday afternoon we focused on education, education, and education with messages from Arkansas [Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders](#), Iowa [Gov. Kim Reynolds](#), and Yass Prize recipients [Rob Blevins](#), [Cris Gulacy-Worrel](#), [Jose Suarez](#), [Kenisha Skaggs](#), and [David Wofford](#).



Friday opened with a prayer from [Dr. Ben Carson](#), a powerful speech on political responsibility from Texas [Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick](#), and a thoughtful panel on proposed changes to the electronic payment systems with [Grover Norquist](#), [Julian Morris](#), and [Steve Rauschenberger](#).

Our conference came to a close Friday afternoon with a message from Florida Senators [Rick Scott](#) & [Marco Rubio](#) and The James Madison Institute's Sal Nuzzo.

This week was a non-stop collaboration of leaders and legislators from both sides of the aisle as we continue to discuss, debate, and defend the principles that make our organization and country great - limited government, free markets, and federalism. There were countless discussions on innovating and regulating artificial intelligence, pushing back against politicized investment strategies, and how to free today's parents and students from the educational industrial complex.

If you made it down to Orlando, great! If not, we missed you! And, you missed a great opportunity to learn about critical issues and grow your network. Please make plans to join us in DC for our October 4th 50th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC. And, at the end of the year, in Scottsdale, AZ for our States and Nation Policy Summit.

Enjoy the last of these summer weeks!



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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: The Fourth & Federalism
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 6:03:49 AM



Dear Jake,

Independence Day serves as the perfect opportunity each year to remind ourselves of America's founding and the relevance of the idea of federalism from the beginning.

The culmination of our nation's path to independence began on June 7, 1776 when Richard Henry Lee, a Delegate from Virginia to the Continental Congress, offered a motion to draft the declaration on behalf of "free and independent States". Thomas Jefferson was given the task of authoring

the document and completed his work over the next 17 days.

Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence on July 2, with news and celebrations erupting in the states by July 4.

Of course, declaring independence hadn't established any new form of government. That task lay ahead – and the Founders focused the lion's share of their debates on a singular question:

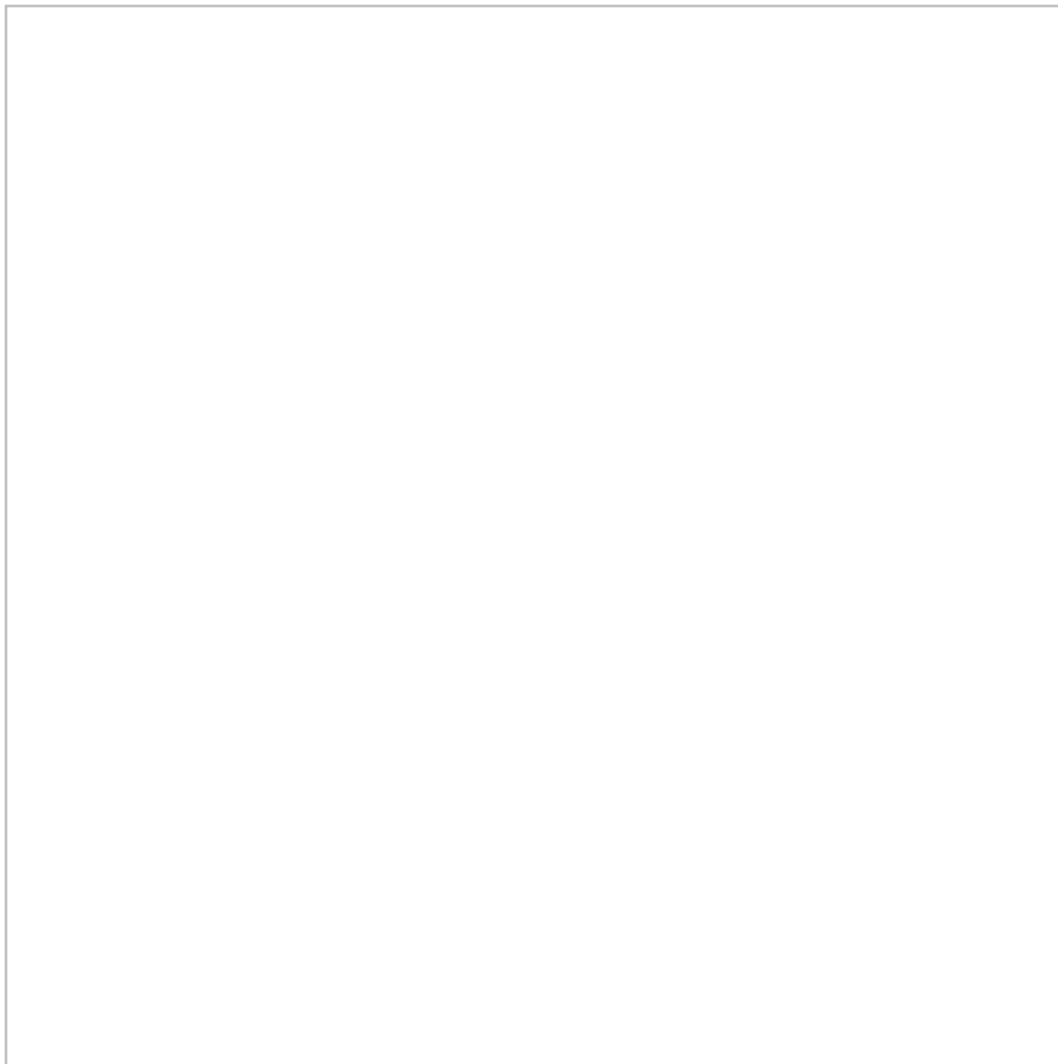
How powerful should the federal government be relative to the power of the states?

Congress ultimately supported Jefferson's view that power should rest with the states and created a federalist system of government that reserves all powers to the states, unless the Constitution prescribed it to the federal government.

As you know, this federalist framework of the Constitution has been tested time and again over the years.

At ALEC, our mission has been to **defend and foster federalism**. We've worked for 50 years to train state legislators and advance limited government policies that align with the Founders vision for a prosperous America.

That is why we are releasing our **next video** in our 50th anniversary series today on this important topic of Federalism.



Under the Biden administration, federalism has been pushed to the brink with 116 executive orders and 590 final rules that seek to diminish the authority of the states.

One simple example is the federal government's control over the way farmers and ranchers operate their businesses. Federal regulations that prevent state decisions on meat processing helped contribute to shortages and rising prices, as much as 8.2% in 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To that end, ALEC's Joe Trotter **testified in front of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee** recently, urging Congress to allow states to tailor their approach to help farmers and ranchers thrive.

The authority of states is also under threat at the local level. At an increasing rate, local governments are attempting to address questions that should be left to state legislatures. Worse still, local governments are also finding ways to contravene state law.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming ALEC paper on the Dillon Rule and how it can help solve the problem of runaway governments and restore the rightful authority of state legislatures.

Of course, these efforts to check the powers of federal and local governments work in tandem with ALEC's 50-year track record of advancing sound state policies.

We are taking to the airwaves to share ALEC's message about the importance of states' rights. Tune into the [Hugh Hewitt Show](#) in coming weeks to hear messages from ALEC on his nationally syndicated program.

In recent weeks, state legislators from 20 different states collaborated on tax policy, civil justice, and criminal justice at three separate ALEC policy academies in New York, Oklahoma, and Virginia. They made headway on protecting pensions from politicized investment strategies and shielding property owners from excessive taxation. More than a dozen additional academies are planned over the course of this year.

These policy areas – and more than 30 draft model policies on the most pressing issues – will be on the docket at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting on July 26-28. We will focus on timeless principles such as federalism as well as cutting-edge issues like artificial intelligence and, central bank digital currencies.

If you're not already registered for the [Annual Meeting](#), you'll want to reserve your spot today so you can contribute to these important discussions. We already have a record number of registrations and an exciting lineup of speakers, including several governors from across the country.

As we celebrate Independence Day and prepare for the next 50 years in this mission, I am grateful for these words from Ronald Reagan:

"Now, with a new federalism firmly established, and government refocused on the states, you must carry on our work.

"The achievements of ALEC and the talents of your members convinces me that you are up to the challenge that our new federalism can lead to a new renaissance for America."

Thank you for helping drive the effort to defend and strengthen federalism.

Your friend,

Lisa B. Nelson



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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
Subject: To find sound policies, look to the states
Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 8:06:12 AM



Dear Jake,

All eyes were on Washington, DC last week as high-stakes negotiations to raise the federal government's debt ceiling took place between the White House and Congress.

In the end, both sides claimed victory, and it showed that by leading on the issues, you can ultimately make an impact. Speaker McCarthy showed that by setting the stage early, you can expect to deliver more conservative policies. This is something I believe our state leaders already understand.

Instead of expecting Washington to lead on reform, we're better off finding success in the laboratories of democracy that are our state capitols across the country.

For instance, in 2016, ALEC published our Getting Politics out of Pensions report, and in 2022, our members approved an ALEC model policy to protect state pension funds from politically driven investment strategies. The model policy requires the Sole Interest Rule be applied to both investment decisions and proxy votes – in other words, *“No politics in pensions!”*

This year, states like Arkansas and Montana have taken up the mantle, enacting their own laws consistent with our model policy that protect pension beneficiaries and taxpayers alike.

You can read more about the Sole Interest Rule - and learn how the same political investment strategies cost CalPERS \$3.5 billion - in this [post](#) by ALEC's Nick Stark.

Our pensions aren't the only concern when it comes to fiscal health. When Congress appropriated trillions to the states in COVID relief funds, the major string attached was, *“No new tax cuts!”*

But the states prevailed, with no fewer than 21 states cutting personal income tax rates since 2021. As we have learned from *Rich States, Poor States*, these types of tax cuts yield the greatest economic growth.

The latest example is Nebraska, where lawmakers just passed significant cuts to both personal and business income taxes reforms. Once fully implemented, the Cornhusker State will not only have lower rates but consolidated income brackets moving closer to a true flat tax.

These policies matter as Americans continue to vote with their feet toward states with lower taxes. In-migration of residents and new business formation are both on the rise in other states like Florida and Tennessee that collect no income tax altogether.

This low-tax approach helps show why the “soak the rich” tactic from too many in Congress is doomed to fail. ALEC-backed tax reforms – which you can read about in Jonathan Williams [interview with Governing Magazine](#) – should serve as a lesson to federal lawmakers considering Biden's proposal to tax middle-class Americans to pay for his enormous agenda.

After all, it's profligate spending like the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" that has ballooned our national debt to \$31 trillion. There are certainly worthwhile cuts included in the Limit, Save, Grow Act, but we need more

of a course reversal than the legislation allows.

The same is true of America's approach to policing and public safety. The prevailing politics in Washington, DC insist on undermining and defunding law enforcement and fail to bring restitution to victims.

Once again it's up to the states to show a better way forward.

The evidence shows that the best way to reduce crime is with a community-centered approach with no tolerance for violence.

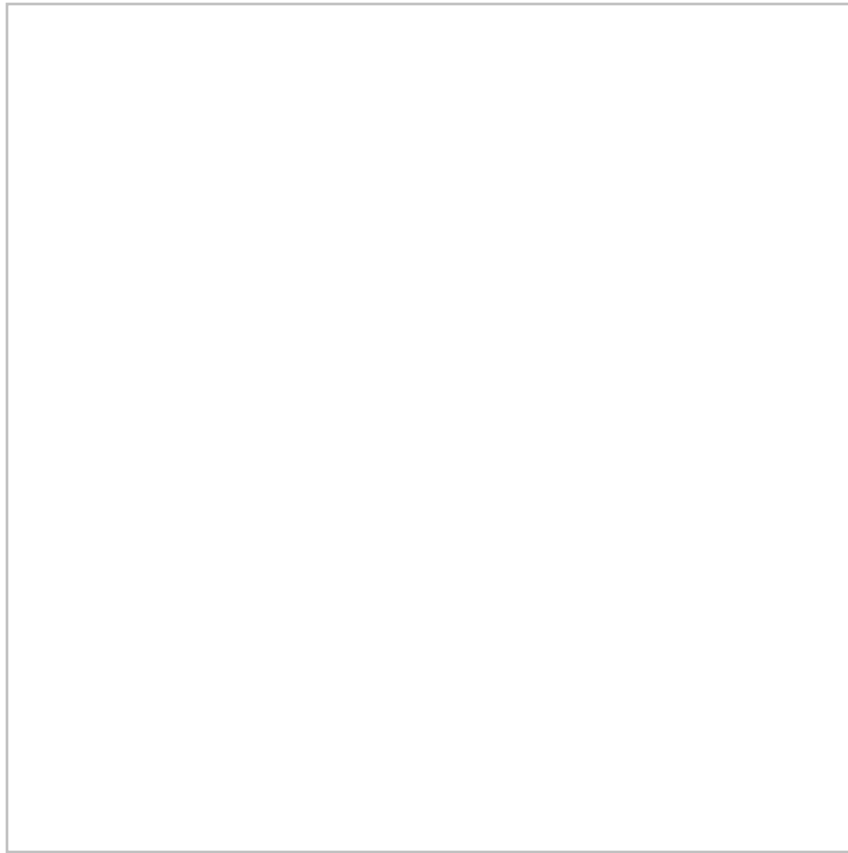
The proof is present today in Dallas, Texas. Their two-prong initiative to enforce the law in hotspots of crime and strengthen relationships with neighborhood residents is making headway against decades-long waves of serious crime.

You can read more about this strategy in my recent [opinion with Ja'Ron Smith](#) in the Daily Caller.

We also just released our [fourth video](#) in our 50th Anniversary series, highlighting the broad spectrum of criminal justice reform where state legislators have broken ground, and inspired federal reform. Watch my conversation with Ja'Ron and ALEC Task Force Director, Nino Marchese [here](#).

Nino put it this way:

"Texas became a star spotlight for what conservative criminal justice reform looked like. And it's spread like wildfire from there with states like Georgia and others being pointed to for motivations for federal reforms."



As we continue to celebrate 50 years of trusted policy solutions, I hope you will join us October 4th at our 50th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC. Our Gala will be a celebration of where we have been, but also where we are going.

During our celebration, we will recognize 50 men and women who have shown impeccable dedication to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism. If you would like to nominate someone for our "50 under 50" award please click [here](#).

I invite you to celebrate this milestone with us by attending, or hosting a table.

By pledging to host a table, you're supporting ALEC as we launch another 50 years of advancing limited government, free-market policies. Let us know if you are interested in more information about our 50th Anniversary Gala [here](#).

If changing the landscape of state policy to take full benefit of our federalist system of government is something that you consider close to your heart, you should attend the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting.

At the ALEC Annual Meeting you will hear from leading experts on the challenging issues you are facing in your state and have the opportunity to

equip yourself to be a leader in the next state legislative sessions.

Here's a small glimpse at the workshops available to you at the Annual Meeting and the policies that will be at the forefront in 2024:

- Education and Workforce Development
- Tax and Fiscal Policy
- Energy, Environment, and Agriculture
- Health and Human Services
- Criminal Justice

If you're not already registered, you still have time to **save your spot**.

REGISTER NOW

With more than two-thirds of our state legislatures now adjourned, it's an important time to build up our strength and knowledge for the opportunities to come.

Thank you for being part of this important work to advance sound policies at the state level and show a better way forward for our leadership in Washington.

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ALEC Webinars

THIS FRIDAY, June 9: Model Policy Webinar at 2:00 PM EST

ALEC prides itself as a resource for trusted policy solutions. Our ALEC members are at the forefront of these issues and it is through collaboration that the development of these policies are effective. As part of your member benefits, we have added model policy submission to the ALEC member portal - ALEC Connect. Join us for a **webinar**, featuring

the new model policy submission process and more!

June 12 is the 45-Day Model Policy Submission Deadline

[Register Now](#)

Friday, June 23: Remove and Reduce Regulatory Barriers to Entrepreneurship at 2:00 PM EST

Join us for an ALEC policy webinar focusing on ways to remove and reduce regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship. Hosted by the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development and Communications and Technology Task Forces, the webinar is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd at 2pm ET. [Register here](#) to participate.

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45 Day Model Policy Deadline

June 12 is the 45-Day Model Policy Submission Deadline

We are excited to implement a new model policy submission process through our ALEC Connect portal. Please [click here](#) to learn more about the new process.

All draft model policies must be submitted in ALEC Connect by 11:59 PM EST on Monday, June 12 to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

50th ALEC Annual Meeting Reminders



Model Policy Submission Deadline: June 12
Housing Deadline: June 28, limited space remaining!
Registration Deadline for Attending Virtual Subcommittees: July 14

The ALEC Annual Meeting is quickly approaching along with many meeting deadlines, so please don't delay. Book your housing as soon as possible as space is filling up quickly! Our housing deadline is June 28th, but rooms are on a first come first serve basis!

ALEC Florida Welcome Reception

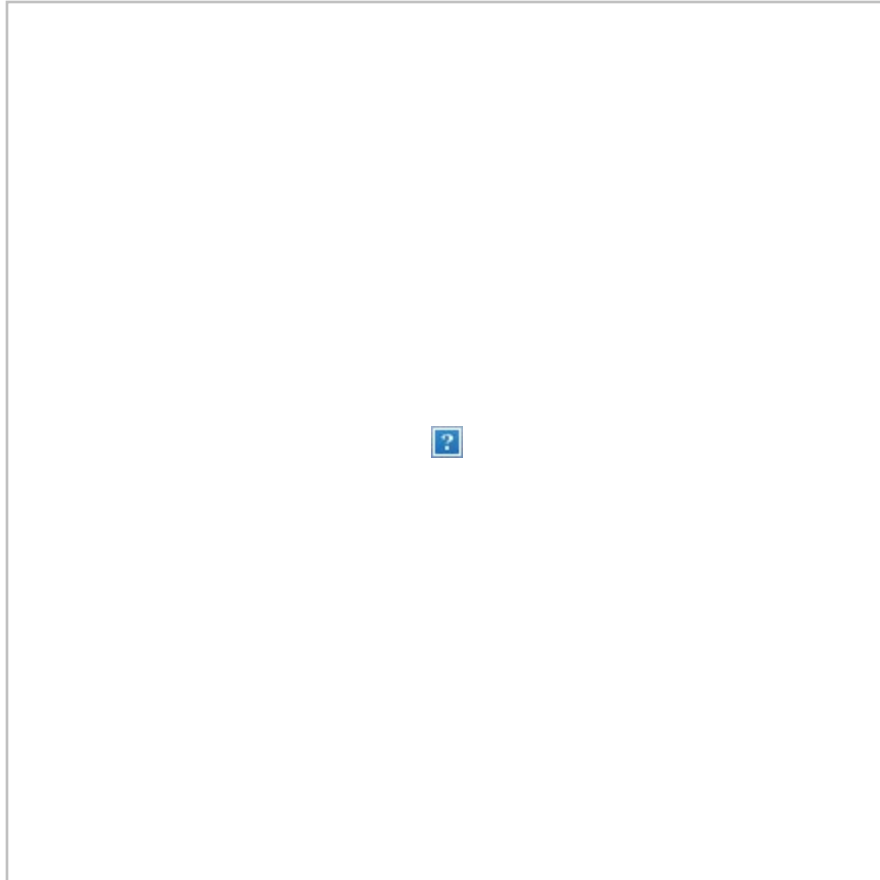
To help take advantage of the great location for the ALEC Annual Meeting, following the ALEC Florida Welcome Reception at Universal CityWalk on **July 26**, we are offering discounted tickets to enjoy Universal Studios.

Universal After-Hours Tickets - \$54/person

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Universal Studios after hours from 7:00 PM until close.

50th Anniversary Video Series: Criminal Justice Reform



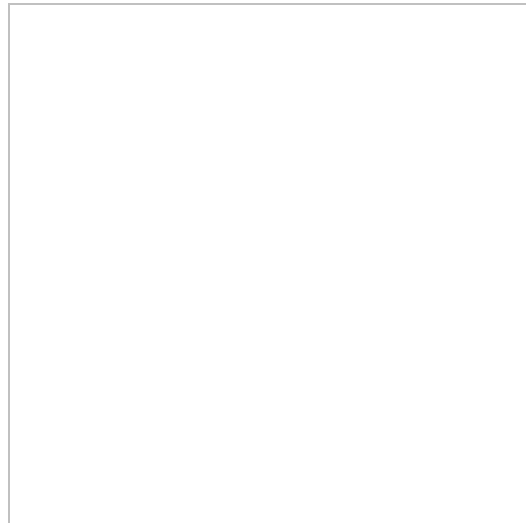
We also just released our [fourth video](#) in our 50th Anniversary series, highlighting the broad spectrum of criminal justice reform where state legislators have broken ground, and inspired federal reform. The new video features ALEC Board and Criminal Justice Task Force member, Oklahoma Senator Julie Daniels, Founder of Public Safety Solutions for America, Ja'Ron Smith, and ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson, all discussing the impact ALEC's Criminal Justice Task Force has had on our criminal justice system throughout the years.

ALEC Commentary



Canadian Wildfires Flood Eastern Seaboard with Smoke and Haze

Anyone living in the northern half of the East Coast has been met with an ominous fog and haze during the last few days. The air is heavy, the visibility lacking, and those suffering from allergies or asthma are suffering even more. Who is to blame? **[Read More](#)**.

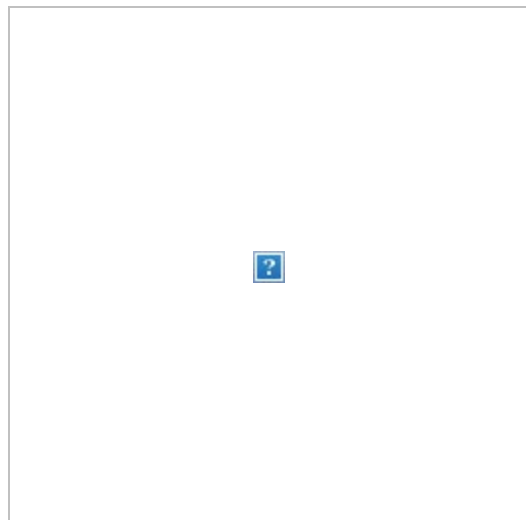
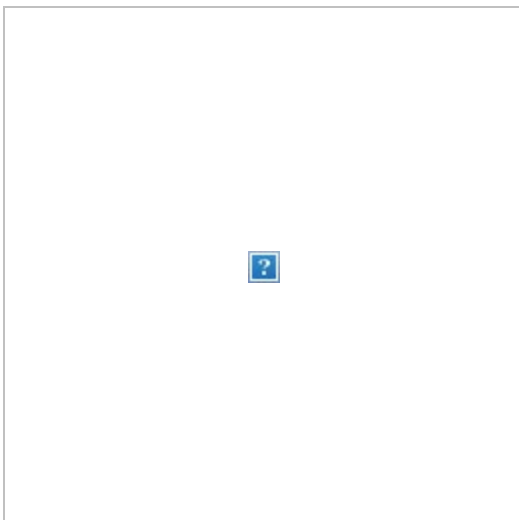


The “Magic Moment” For Education Freedom: Jonathan Williams on The American Radio Journal

On this “States of Play” episode on American Radio Journal, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams discusses the ongoing steps for education freedom and providing students and parents more choices for their education. [**Read more.**](#)

Why the Rise in Violent Crime: Nino Marchese on The Bill Martinez Show

Nino Marchese, ALEC Civil Justice and Criminal Justice Task Force Director was on The Bill Martinez Show discussing community-centered approaches to policing that provide a strike against violence and efforts to strengthen law enforcement’s relationship with communities. [**Read more.**](#)



Model Legislation Aims to Help Lawmakers Protect Free Expression on College Campuses: ALEC in Campus Reform

Campus Reform, a project of the Leadership Institute, highlights ALEC model legislation regarding free speech on college campuses and higher education. [**Read more.**](#)

Liability Trap? Harvard Paper on ALEC Model Policy Gets Debunked

In February, the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance published a paper titled “The Liability Trap,” claiming that ALEC model policy would create a “legal quagmire” for fiduciaries connected with public pensions. [**Read more.**](#)



What’s Driving This Year’s Ambitious Tax Cuts: Jonathan Williams in Governing Magazine

Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, was featured in Governing Magazine, speaking on the ongoing state actions in cutting taxes and promoting economic growth. [**Read more.**](#)

The Latest Threat to the Colorado Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights

An upcoming ballot measure in Colorado would allow massive expansion in government spending and weaken the Colorado Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR), the nation’s strongest taxpayer protection. [**Read more.**](#)



Transparency in Health Care: It's Up to States to Lead

Imagine going to the hardware store and purchasing a new lawnmower without knowing the price. That is something most Americans wouldn't do. So why do we accept that in health care? The idea that health care costs are too complicated to know up front is a fallacy and one we need to correct. [**Read more.**](#)



China Is Both Supplier and Saboteur of US Electric Grid: Joe Trotter in The Epoch Times

Joe Trotter, ALEC Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Director, tells The Epoch Times how the US energy infrastructure is vulnerable to Chinese companies operating as suppliers for our green energy infrastructure projects. [**Read more.**](#)

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ALEC Webinars

TOMORROW - Friday, May 26: CIED Policy Webinar at 2:00 PM EST

Join issue experts in a [webinar](#) where we will discuss current and emerging trends in monetary policy, including the threat of a central bank digital currency (CBDC).

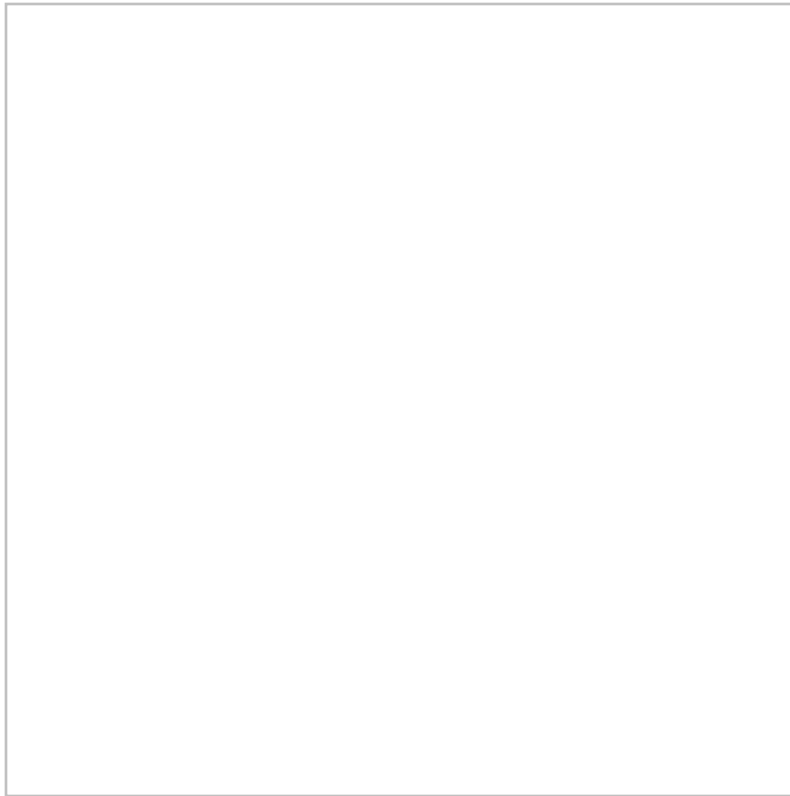
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Last week, the ALEC legislative engagement team, along with ALEC National Chairman Danny Perez (FL), Private Enterprise Advisory Council (PEAC) Chair Steve DelBianco, ALEC Chief Executive Officer Lisa Nelson, and other members of the ALEC staff led a new member webinar highlighting the unique benefits of a legislative membership with ALEC, as well as how to get involved with ALEC's ten policy task forces. Additionally, former MO Speaker of the House and ALEC Regional Policy Officer Tim Jones shared with new legislators how his ALEC membership had served him during his tenure in the legislature and afterwards.

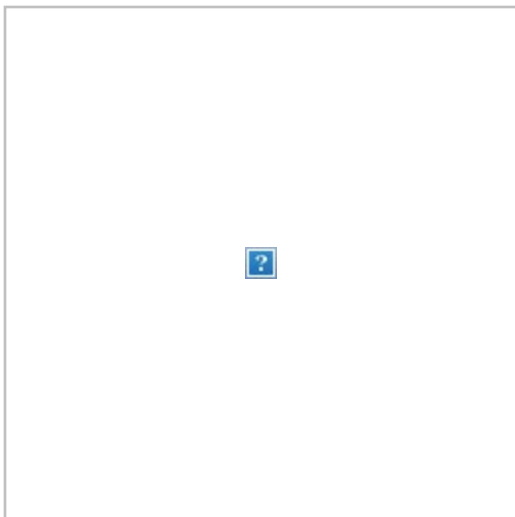
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Contact the membership team at membership@alec.org if you have any questions about your membership or task forces!

Important Deadlines



ALEC in the States



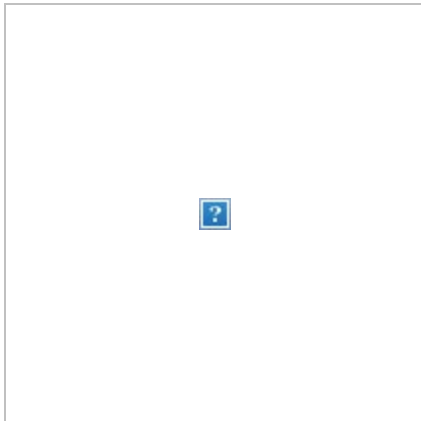
Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska this week and spoke to lawmakers about principles of sound tax policy and how Nebraska can become more competitive with the tools available from Rich States, Poor States and ALEC policy research. Special thanks to our friends at the Platte Institute and Americans for Prosperity-Nebraska for hosting the event.

Last week, Criminal Justice Task Force Director, Nino Marchese joined fellow ALEC members and other close partners at a Public Safety Forum

in Columbia, South Carolina, hosted by the [Public Safety Solutions for America](#) coalition and Americans for Prosperity-South Carolina. The panel and guest attendees discussed proven public safety solutions being implemented by Columbia leaders.

Led by former adviser to President Trump, Ja'Ron Smith, the Public Safety Solutions for America coalition, in partnership with ALEC, utilizes the expertise and resources of the coalition to help legislators and local leaders determine how to best reduce violent crime in our communities.

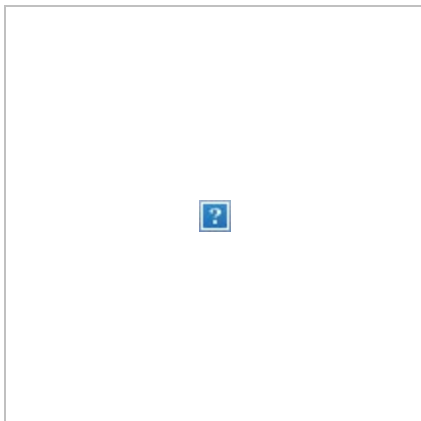
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[Are States Making Smart Economic Decisions? Jonathan Williams on The Voice of Reason with Andy Hooser](#)

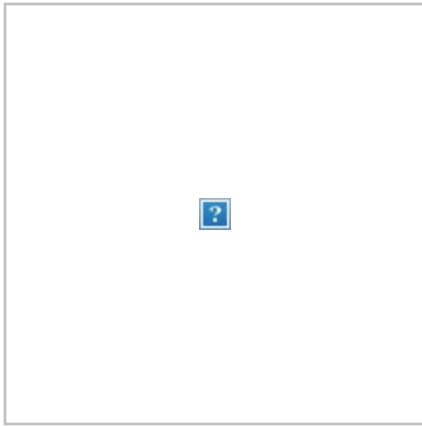
Jonathan Williams, ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist, spoke with Andy Hooser on The Voice of Reason about the economic rankings of states, which states are cutting taxes or overspending, and whether or not they are prepared for an upcoming recession.

[Read more.](#)



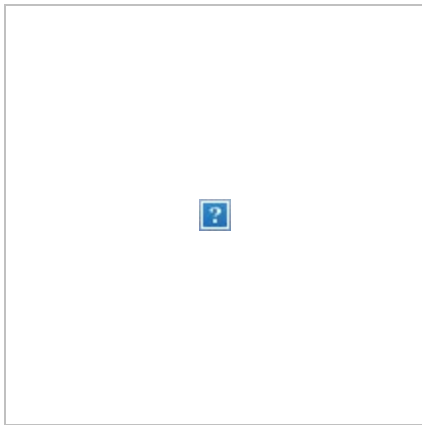
[College Alumni are Defending Free Speech on Campus](#)

Over the past couple of years, alumni groups have formed across the country with the goal of protecting free speech. The Alumni Free Speech Alliance, a network of alumni groups in support of free speech, was started in 2021 by alumni from Cornell University, Davidson College, Princeton University, University of Virginia, and Washington & Lee University. [Read more.](#)



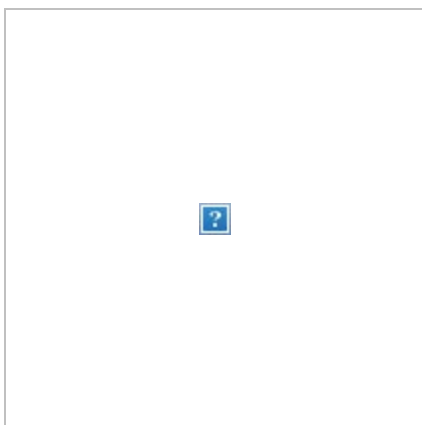
Why Biden Admin's Latest Push for EVs, Wind, and Solar Is Likely Headed to the Supreme Court: Joe Trotter in The Epoch Times

Joe Trotter, ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director, recently spoke with The Epoch Times about the EPA's new proposal to force the United States' electricity network and automotive industry to shift production to wind and solar energy and electric vehicles (EV). [**Read more.**](#)



Let's Ditch The Masks And Make These Common-Sense COVID Changes Permanent, Instead: Brooklyn Roberts in The Daily Caller

ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Senior Director Brooklyn Roberts authored a guest column in the Daily Caller encouraging states to make some of their temporary healthcare reforms permanent. [**Read more.**](#)



Supreme Court Maintains Status Quo on Section 230, Online Free Speech

The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued a pair of highly anticipated rulings impacting online speech, content moderation, and liability for user-generated content posted on digital platforms. [**Read more.**](#)

The EPA, Power Plants, and the Chevron Doctrine



Earlier this month, the Biden administration announced yet another plan to shut down America's fossil fuel power generation capabilities using regulations without any explicit Congressional authorization.

[Read more.](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting



Join ALEC in Orlando, Florida, to strategize with America's top state policymakers from July 26 - 28.

You'll build a network of policymakers and industry experts, grow your

knowledge of limited government solutions, and expand your influence in your state's legislative process.

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Upcoming Webinar



We are excited to release the 7th edition of *Unaccountable and Unaffordable*, the annual report from ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform on unfunded liabilities in state pension funds.

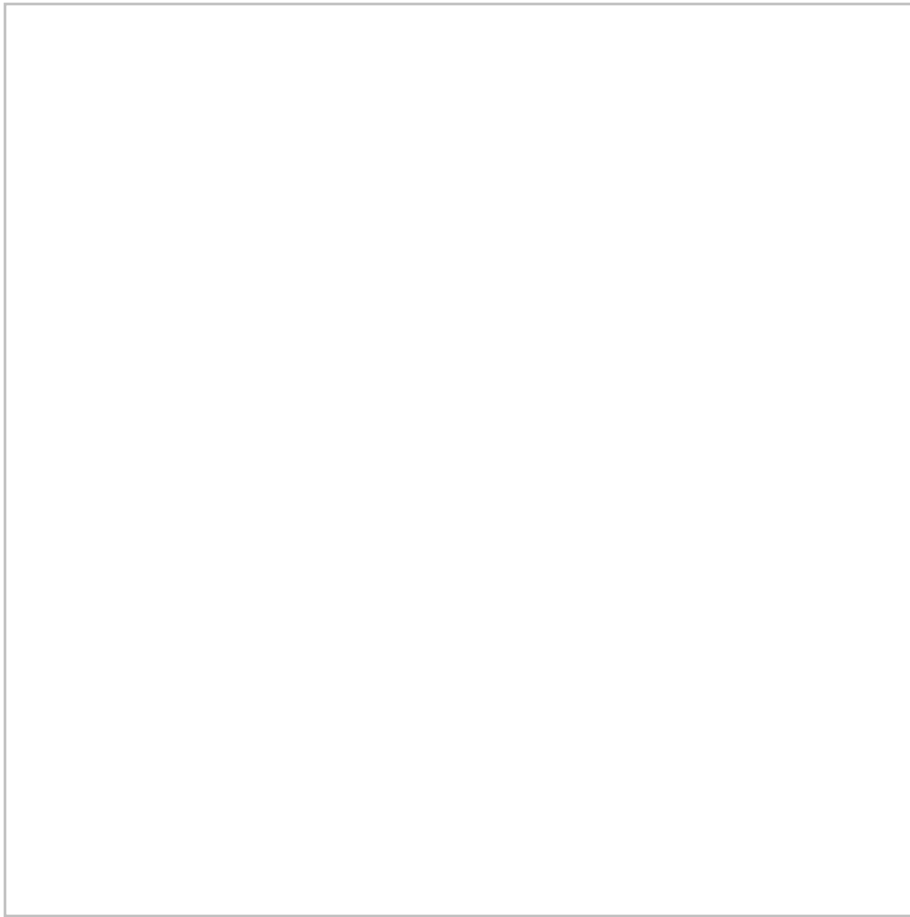
Join us for a preview call **Tuesday, September 19 at 3:00 PM ET** with the report authors, as we discuss the findings in this year's report and explain how states can address the problem of growing unfunded liabilities.

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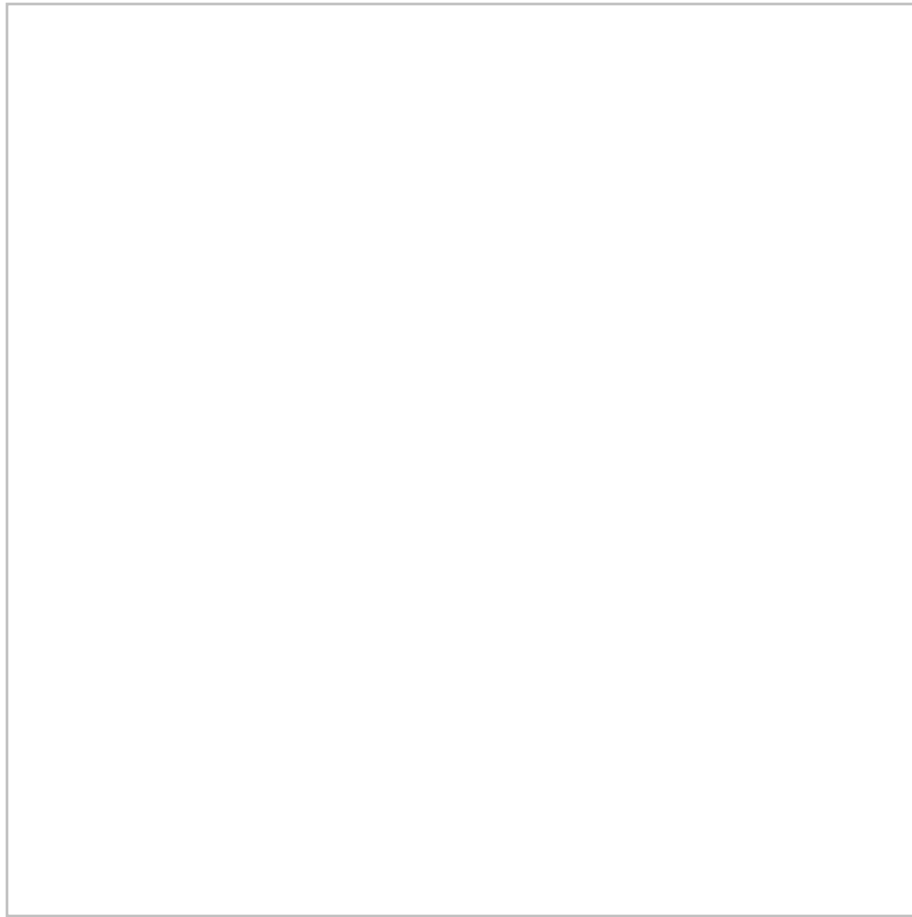
A Free-Market Blueprint for Emerging Tech: New ALEC Model Policies on Artificial Intelligence, Social Media Education

At last month's 50th ALEC Annual Meeting, members of the Communications and Technology Task Force advanced a slate of new, forward-looking model policies addressing many of the key tech issues lawmakers will face in the upcoming 2024 legislative sessions and beyond. [**Read more.**](#)



Another Blow to Sensible Energy Policy: President Biden and Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve

Last week, the Biden Administration struck another blow against sensible energy policy by cancelling seven oil and gas leases in Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve (NPR-A) using executive regulatory actions. [**Read more.**](#)



New ALEC Regulatory Comment: More Options Equal Better Health Care

In a 1999 Executive Order, then President Bill Clinton said, “One-size-fits-all approaches the public policy problems can inhibit the creation of effective solutions to those problems.” [**Read more.**](#)

Registration is now OPEN!



Registration for the ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit is **NOW OPEN!** We are looking forward to joining together with friends from across the country to plan and discuss the critical issues facing the states and nation. We will host this year's meeting at The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona from November 28th - 30th.

Interested in Sponsoring? Contact Alex Hinson at AHinson@alec.org.

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Subject: Webinar: Maximizing your ALEC Membership
Date: Friday, May 5, 2023 9:41:40 AM



Dear Jake,

Congratulations! Legislative sessions are wrapping up and whether you are a new member of ALEC or recently renewed your membership, we hope you will [join us for a webinar](#) with ALEC's leadership team, legislative outreach representatives, and top policy experts as we highlight the many benefits of ALEC membership and hear from ALEC leaders with decades of policy and professional experience supporting state lawmakers from across the country.

**Agenda:**

- Highlight the many resources, policy tools, and subject area experts available for ALEC members.
- Spotlight the unique benefits of membership, such as exclusive access to our ALEC CARE program and ALEC Connect.
- ALEC staff and leaders will share personal anecdotes from their time at America's largest voluntary membership organization of state legislators that support free markets, limited government, and federalism.
- Share a sneak peek of our 50th Anniversary celebration.
- And much more!

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Education Freedom: Positioning All Students for Unprecedented Success



By Lisa B. Nelson and Michelle Harvey

For decades, parents have fought to provide education freedom for their children. The District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, passed in 2003, provided a glimmer of hope. The movement to pass a D.C. scholarship program was led by a mother, Virginia Walden Ford, who wanted a brighter future for her son. Twenty years later, six states — West Virginia, Arizona, Iowa, Utah, Arkansas, and Florida — have passed significant legislation that empowers every family with education scholarship accounts.

[Read More](#)

50th ALEC Annual Meeting

Join us July 26-28, 2023, in Orlando, Florida for ALEC's 50th Annual Meeting.

[Register now](#) to take advantage of discounted registration rates. Early Bird Registration rates end May 31st.

Legislative members receive \$200 off the standard Annual Meeting registration rate.

[Register Now](#)

We will kick off the fun on Wednesday, July 26th with a Welcome Reception at Universal CityWalk. Plan to dress "theme-park casual" and bring the kids! You will be able to purchase discounted tickets to the park, so you can take in everything Universal has to offer. An email with additional information will be coming soon!

ALEC Commentary



What's Next for TikTok in the U.S. Jake Morabito on the Simon Conway Show

TikTok, the popular social media app owned by Chinese mega conglomerate ByteDance, is increasingly impossible to escape in the American zeitgeist. The app is on a meteoric rise in the United States, consistently topping the charts across U.S. app



Utah is the Most Competitive State in US: Jonathan Williams on NTD News

ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams spoke with NTD News on the success of Utah ranking number one in new Rich States, Poor States report. "Utah has been cutting taxes aggressively now for over a decade and a half."

stores. [Listen now.](#)

[Watch now.](#)



Utah Has Best Economic Climate in Country, New York Worst: ALEC on Fox News

ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams was featured alongside economists Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore in a Fox News article highlighting Utah's number one ranking in the latest edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. [Read more.](#)



Florida Achieves Major Lawsuit Reform

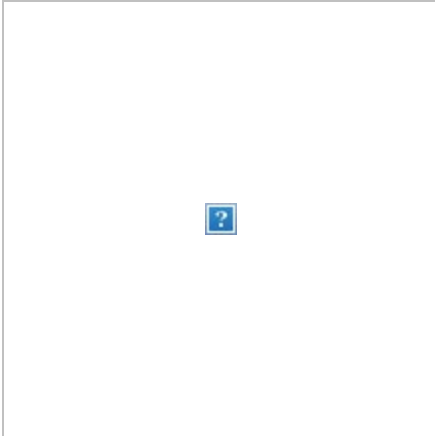
Last month, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law a comprehensive lawsuit reform package for the state of Florida. The bill, HB 837, went into effect on March 24th, 2023, upon Governor DeSantis' signature. [Read more.](#)



Opinion: For the 16th time, Utah's economic outlook tops the nation

When asked what it takes to build a champion, famed UCLA basketball coach John Wooden said, "All we have to do is learn to rise to every occasion, give our best effort, and make those around us better as we do it." Being named the No. 1 state in the nation for economic outlook, incredibly for the 16th straight year, in the annual Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness

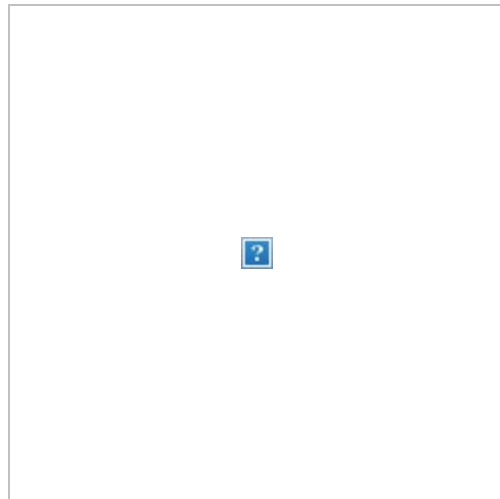
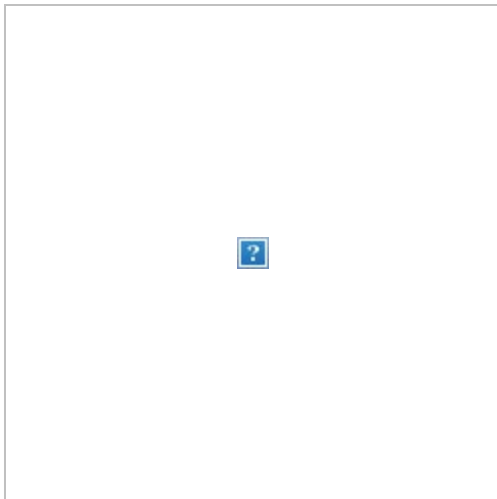
Index is proof that Wooden's philosophy works. [Read more.](#)



Education Freedom in the States: Andrew Handel on Newt's World

Andrew Handel, ALEC Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director, spoke with former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich on the speaker's podcast, [Newt's World](#), about the importance of education freedom within the states through such methods as education savings accounts. [Read more.](#)

ALEC in the States



On Tuesday, Bill Dumais, Legislative Outreach Manager, visited Montpelier, Vermont as part of ALEC's "50 by 50" initiative - hosting educational events in all 50 state capitols as part of ALEC's 50th Anniversary. ALEC, along with Americans for Prosperity (AFP) & the Ethan Allen Institute (EAI), co-hosted a legislative reception with representatives from all three organizations in attendance.

Additionally, legislators were able to learn more about ALEC policy resources, such as our "Rich States, Poor States" economic outlook

ranking and our "Energy Affordability Report, 2nd Edition." In all, nearly 30 members of the Vermont House & Senate - many of them first term legislators - attended the reception.

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ALEC Summer Internship Program

The ALEC Summer Internship Program is almost at capacity! If you, or someone you know, is planning to apply, time is running out!

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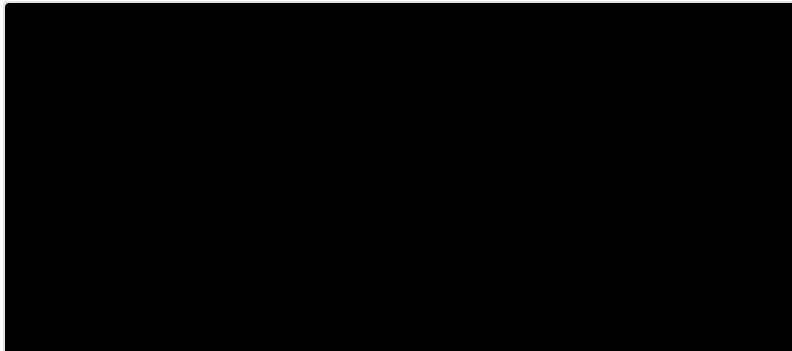
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Subject: Your ALEC Membership Ends Soon!
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Your ALEC membership will expire on December 31, 2023.

Dear Sen. Hoffman,

We would like to thank you for your continued membership with the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). For over 50 years, ALEC has been the source of trusted policy solutions for state legislators across the country.

ALEC has had nothing short of an historic 50th anniversary year, providing opportunities for legislative members like you to engage with colleagues from across the country, ranging from our Annual Meeting in Orlando,

Florida, to our record 15 policy-specific academies to briefings in all 50 states. In addition to our in-person programming, ALEC continues to publish new and updated publications, commentary on state and national public policy, podcasts and videos on Across the States and ALEC TV.

ALEC members, founders, partners, and supporters recently gathered Washington, DC that we honor past ALEC leaders and celebrate the achievements of the next generation of ALEC leaders.

We honored the ALEC “50 under 50” – 50 state legislators making a difference in their states, and who will continue to carry the torch of free market, limited movement principles for the next half-century.

This email serves as official notice that your ALEC membership will expire on December 31, 2023. [Renew your membership](#) today for a two-year legislative membership (\$200) to ensure your membership eligibility continues for the remainder of this the second half of your legislative term. We hope that you will continue your participation in ALEC, as an active legislative member in good standing, as we conclude this banner year.

There are several easy ways for you to renew today.

- Contact Gabriella Uli, your regional ALEC Membership Manager, at Guli@alec.org.
- Renew using our [online membership form](#)

Renew Today!

Make sure to register for our [States and Nation Policy Summit](#) in Scottsdale, Arizona from November 28 - 30, 2023! As a member you can take advantage of our early bird registration rate (\$475), available to members until November 1.

Register Today!

Our passionate, dedicated team of task force directors and support staff believe deeply in the mission and the foundational principles of our organization. They are here to support you and the work you do in the pursuit of advancing state-level limited government and free-market policies.

We look forward to your continued participation and engagement within this incredible organization.

Sincerely,



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Dear Jake,

There is just one week left to register at the early bird registration rate for the 2023 ALEC Annual Meeting!

Register before [11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 31](#) to secure your spot at the premier gathering of policy makers.

Signing up today is the best way to guarantee your spot.



Register Now

You won't want to miss this year's Welcome Reception at Universal Studios Citywalk, minutes away from the hotel, and [after hours access into Universal Studios](#).

With over 20 restaurants, a movie-themed escape room, and water taxi connecting you to Universal Studios, there's no question why CityWalk is known as "The Epicenter of Awesome".

From world-class theme parks, to fine dining, to luxury spas and premiere golf courses, you'll find endless opportunities in Orlando.

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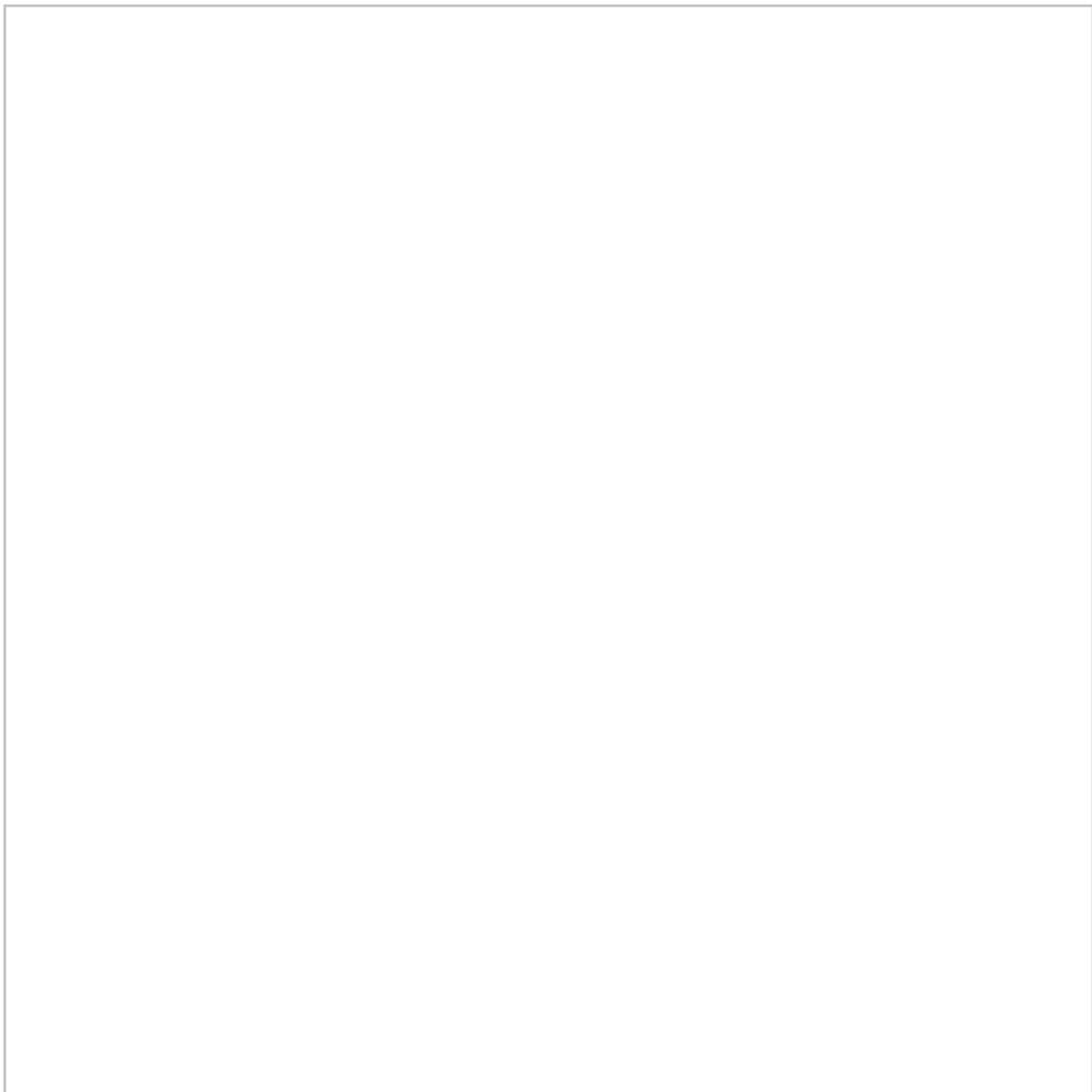
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From: [This Week at ALEC](#)
To: [Jake Hoffman](#)
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Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 6:04:22 AM



Jake,

We are days away from the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting and we can't wait to see so many of you in Orlando, FL! See below for a peek at all the exciting things we have planned for the week along with the full agenda for the meeting. Don't miss out! There is still time to join us in the sunshine state if you haven't already registered!



Agenda Spotlight:

Wednesday, July 26

The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation

The question of how to best keep teens safe online has dominated state houses and will likely continue to be a major theme of legislative sessions in 2024. Florida was no different, passing a law that will require all public-school students to take classes on social media safety. As lawmakers across the country grapple with such a critical issue, there is a real danger that well-intentioned proposals could erode first amendment rights, establish a co-parenting relationship with the government, and create needless cybersecurity vulnerabilities that leave all internet users worse off. In this workshop, we will explore the dangers teens face online and what lawmakers at the state level can do to protect them when using social media platforms without compromising our core values of personal responsibility, individual freedom, and limited government.

Thursday, July 27

A Revolution in Modern-Day Entertainment: Fantasy Sports

Sports entertainment is changing to be more interactive, thoughtful, and engaging. With over 25 millions Americans playing Daily Fantasy Sports today, industry innovation drives growth and helps people become more involved in sports through apps that track results, create communities for chat with friends, and permit contests based on athlete performance. Join this session to hear from PrizePicks, the largest independently owned fantasy sports operator in North America to discuss industry innovation, legal precedent for games of skill, and what the future may hold for lawmakers and consumers alike.

Friday, July 28

NEW! Veteran's Affairs Policy Working Group

Join us for the inaugural meeting of the ALEC Veterans' Affairs Policy Working Group. It will explore most pressing policy issues for America's veterans and their families. The working group will be led by U.S. Army veteran and ALEC Board of Directors member, Speaker Pro Tem John Wills of Iowa.

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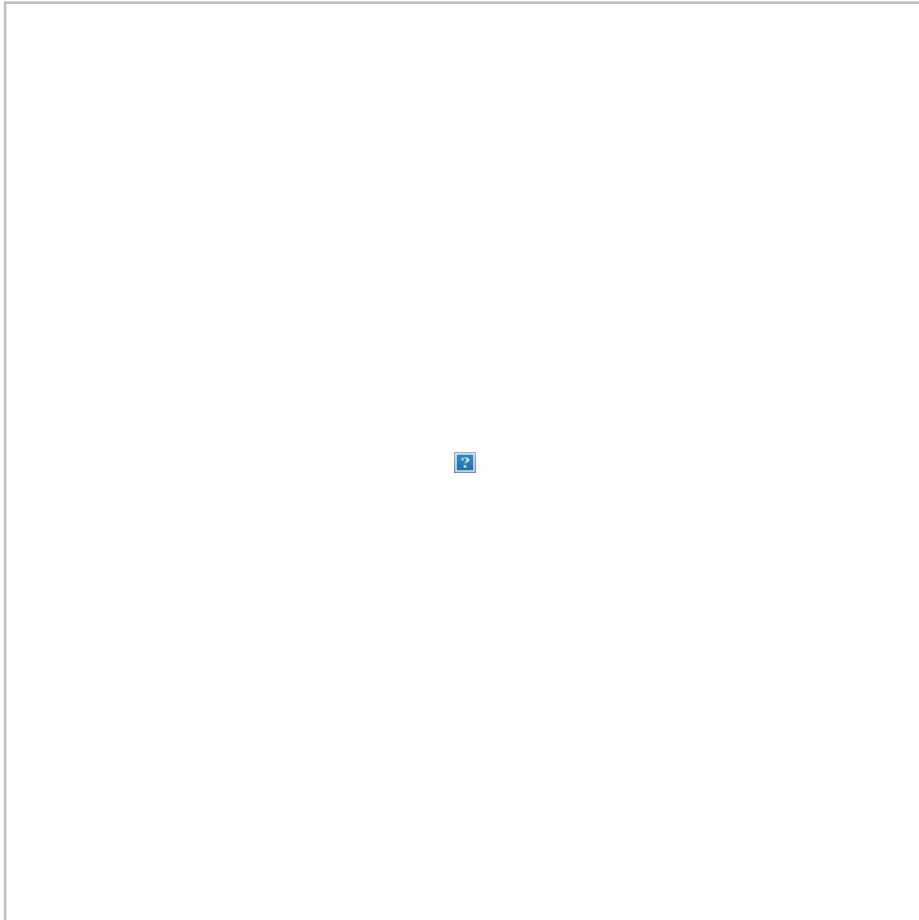
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To: [Justine Wadsack](#)
Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Ranked Choice Voting Disenfranchises Voters
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:25:34 PM
Attachments: [PRESS RELEASE- Senator Wadsack Statement on Ranked Choice Voting.pdf](#)
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Please see the attached statement from Senator Wadsack.

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ranked Choice Voting Disenfranchises Voters



PHOENIX, ARIZONA—In response to the astroturf attempt to force Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) on Arizona and states across the country, Senator Justine Wadsack, a member of the Arizona Freedom Caucus, has released the following statement:

The problems with Ranked Choice Voting are numerous and well-documented, the least of which is the erosion of the one-citizen, one-vote principle which has long guided American elections. In jurisdictions where it has been tried, RCV has caused the exact outcomes which election integrity legislators have sought to eliminate, such as disenfranchisement, voter confusion, delayed results, and the unnecessary complication of our elections process.

“Ranked Choice Voting disenfranchises voters through its unnecessary complexity and ‘exhausted ballots’ scheme, which results in the silencing of significant portions of the electorate,” said Arizona Freedom Caucus Member Senator Justine Wadsack. “Exhausted ballots are those that do not rank any continuing candidate, contain an overvote at the highest continuing ranking, or contain two or more sequential skipped rankings before its highest continuing ranking.”

The Arizona Freedom Caucus formally supports the passage of HB 2552 and SB 1265.

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“RCV may not always result in the candidate with the most first-choice votes winning the election,” said Senator Anthony Kern. “I am aware that there are groups in Arizona advocating for RCV, but this will only lead to chaos, and we must ensure that our constituents have easy and fair access to the ballot box.”

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Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senator Kern Continues to Fight for Fair Elections in Arizona
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:44:33 PM
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[Kern SB1265 2.28.2023.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I have attached a statement on SB 1265 by Senator Anthony Kern (LD27).

Have a great night.

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Statement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, February 28, 2023



Senator Kern Continues to Fight for Fair Elections in Arizona

PHOENIX, ARIZONA— Today, Senator Anthony Kern (LD-27) is pleased to announce that his bill SB 1265 (voting; elections; tally; prohibition) has passed the Senate and has been transmitted to the House. This bill seeks to prohibit Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in Arizona and ensure that the candidate receiving the most legal votes in an election is declared elected.

RCV is an alternative voting method where voters can rank their preferred candidates in order of preference. In RCV, if no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and their votes are redistributed based on the voters' second choice. This process continues until a candidate receives a majority of votes.

"This can be confusing for voters, is more difficult to administer, and may not always result in the candidate with the most first-choice votes winning the election," Senator Kern explained. "In addition, implementing RCV may require substantial changes to the electoral process and may be impractical in some jurisdictions. I am aware that there are groups in Arizona advocating for RCV, but this will only lead to chaos, and we must ensure that our constituents have easy and fair access to the ballot box."

SB 1265 will now proceed through the House legislative process, and if it receives the same support there, it will be sent to the Governor's desk for her signature or veto.

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Please see the attached media advisory for Wednesday, March 15.

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Date:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Time:

11:00 a.m.

Location:

Arizona State Capitol
Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing Room
1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 3:14:02 PM
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Members of the media:

In anticipation of rain showers during this press conference tomorrow, we are changing the location to the **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ROOM.**

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Subject: RE: UPDATE on ExComm status of MCRC Proposal with COMPROMISE SOLUTION INCLUDED
Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 7:03:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[PPE WD letter final 8-31-2023b.pdf](#)
[Resolution-Urging-a-Return-to-Excellence-in-American-Voting-and-Elections.pdf](#)

I am getting a lot of people asking if this can be shared with PCs, yes please feel free to share this far and wide with any Republicans. It has been such a news story we owe it to everyone to keep them informed of the latest updates.

Jeff DeWit

AZGOP Chairman



From: Jeff DeWit
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 10:55 PM
Subject: UPDATE on ExComm status of MCRC Proposal with COMPROMISE SOLUTION INCLUDED

Dear AZGOP Executive Committee Members (ExComm),

I am reaching out to provide a crucial update considering the resolution proposed by the Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC) on August 26th, 2023, six days ago. This resolution insisted that the AZGOP withdraw from the Presidential Preference Primary, set for March 19, 2024, by September 1, 2023. This deadline was a mere six days after the MCRC first told anyone that this resolution, or idea, even existed.

First, I want to point out very clearly that my job is not to personally weigh judgment on a matter which is to be brought for a vote of the Executive Committee. I will not stand in the way of any idea that could improve election integrity, and I believe we all want to see fair and honest elections. It is easy to predict my actions, I will always do as state law and our Bylaws dictate.

I approached this with a mindset of collaboration, and a desire to see if it was a doable thing. Upon detailed consultation with our Legal Counsel, it is now evident that acting on this resolution would breach our bylaws, placing the AZGOP at risk of countless legal complications. The rushed resolution was proven to be problematic and an invitation for entities such as the Department of Justice to intervene in our election. To do something this large requires more time than six days, as our legal counsel has clearly explained.

That legal directive is attached to this email, and I have copied the summary below:

"The Party is required to adhere to State law in running its national convention delegate selection process. While the Party is permitted to opt out of the PPE, state law says that

*decision should have occurred by September 1, 2023. Setting aside State law, the Party's delegate selection plan is required to be delivered to the RNC no later than October 1, 2023. The Party's Bylaws specifically mandate that the Secretary notifies the Executive Committee of any special meeting a minimum of 30 days before the proposed meeting date. **Considering this, any attempt to convene an emergency meeting without adhering to this 30-day notice would not only contravene the Bylaws but would also render the meeting unlawful.***

*Moreover, the Party suffers a significant reduction in delegates for failure to deliver its selection Plan by the required date and may not be able to participate at all if it fails to deliver a plan. An opt out of the PPE with the intention of moving to a more closed delegate selection process almost guarantees the Party will be sued on equal protection and due process grounds. The Party has no well-articulated plan to replace the PPE and no money with which to communicate this change to Arizona Republican voters. As a result, the Party would almost certainly be forced back into the PPE by court order. **There is simply not enough time or resources to make that shift in this presidential election cycle while upholding the requirement of the Bylaws that the Party act fairly to all primary candidates.***"

Also in the letter from our longtime legal counsel:

We are very nearly certain that the Party would face a lawsuit on Federal and State due process and equal protection grounds alleging that a shift to an alternative is massive voter disenfranchisement. This decrease in participation likely violates RNC Rule No. 15. Any change in the process now leaves the Party almost defenseless to lawsuits from Republicans.

Due to the MCRC not even mentioning this idea until six days before the legal deadline, by the time they introduced the proposal it was already too late to hold the Executive Committee vote to withdraw from the Presidential Preference Primary. I am concerned by the few voices we have heard who have suggested that we suspend or ignore our Bylaws, which cannot be acceptable.

Another potential issue, which we found too late to have vetted by counsel but will do so if needed is a new law that was passed. This law aims to stop any private monies from funding elections. I have copied the language below:

16-407.01. Election administration; private monies prohibited

Notwithstanding any other law, this state and a city, town, county, school district or other public body that conducts or administers elections may not receive or expend private monies for preparing for, administering or conducting an election, including registering voters.

Nevertheless, there's a compromise solution that would allow the MCRC to manage a parallel election for Maricopa County exclusively.

While many of our Arizona counties lack the resources and infrastructure of MCRC, the MCRC believes that they could run such an efficiently managed election which could set a precedent for elections nationwide. We hope that the MCRC submits a detailed written proposal, including budget, to the Executive Committee of running a parallel election for Maricopa County only. Rumor suggests the MCRC possesses a 269-page plan, which hasn't yet been sent in to be reviewed by the Executive Committee. When they send that in, we will immediately forward it to the entire committee, and we recommend they do so soon. The

MCRC has committed to funding the entire venture, ensuring no financial impact on the state party or other counties. Upon receiving this written proposal, the AZGOP will provide the necessary 30-day notice for an ExComm vote to allow the MCRC to run a parallel election to the state-run election exclusively for Maricopa County.

Going forward, I hope the MCRC will engage in dialogue with the AZGOP and other counties before introducing major initiatives. It's vital that MCRC and the AZGOP align their strategies for future elections.

What's particularly concerning about the MCRC's recent proposition is that it bypassed Bylaw protocol. We are a ground-up organization, built from our hardworking and passionate grassroots PCs. A resolution of this magnitude should have been voted on by the PC base of each district, with the Chairman of each Legislative District then relaying the wishes of their PCs by voting in a similar fashion at the MCRC, and then up to the AZGOP. Our PCs need to be included, which gets “buy-in” from across the base.

You entrusted me with the role of Chairman in January of this year. I promised to uphold the sanctity of our conservative principles, ensure election integrity, and consistently prioritize the Precinct Committeemen (PC) as the backbone of our party. They're the unsung heroes, pounding the pavement and representing our core values.

It appears many Legislative District Chairs endorsed the resolution without involving their respective PCs in the decision-making process, leading to some unhappy PCs sending me emails. This kind of oversight, whether inadvertent or deliberate, silences the voices of those we count on the most, especially during election seasons.

I hope you all know my sincerity in wanting to fix our elections, get that Senate seat in Republican hands, and take back the White House. **During my time as Chairman so far, the Republican Party of Arizona has engaged in litigation in the following election integrity cases:**

AFEC v Fontes: CV-202300202: Restoring Integrity and Trust in Elections (RITE), the Arizona Free Enterprise Club, and Arizona GOP [sued](#) Secretary of State Fontes for authorizing an illegal expansion of the database of signatures used to verify ballots, including the addition of potentially unreliable signatures. The state filed a [motion to dismiss](#) and intervenors filed motions to dismiss on May 22, 2023 with a consolidated response filed on June 16. The court held a hearing on the motion to dismiss on July 7, 2023. The Judge has 90 days to rule.

The AZGOP will engage in litigation on appeal upon any ruling dismissing the case to uphold [HB 2492](#) (Proof of Citizenship) Challenges:

- There are eight lawsuits challenging H.B. 2492 (and other legislation) that require proof of citizenship for registrants using the National Voter Registration Form:
 - The eight lawsuits were consolidated. The RNC was granted intervention in the consolidated cases.
 - The state's motion to dismiss was denied on February 16, 2023.
 - The Arizona Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate President's motion to intervene as defendants was [granted](#) on April 26, 2023.
 - The RNC filed a [motion](#) for summary judgment on May 15, 2023, which was joined by the state legislator intervenors. Plaintiffs filed their responses and

cross motions for summary judgment on June 5, 2023. On July 5, the RNC [filed](#) a reply in support of partial summary judgment. On July 19, plaintiffs filed their replies in support of summary judgment.

- There was a hearing on the motion for summary judgment on July 25 and the judge set trial for November 6, 2023.

The AZGOP is paying \$18k in legal fees for the case to protect our right to a meaningful post-election hand count arising from the 2020 election.

The AZGOP joined with RNC to issue a statement objecting to numerous provisions in AZSOS Fontes' draft Elections Procedures Manual. We are prepared to engage in litigation to protect the rights of the voters of Arizona.

On a previous email to the AZGOP Executive Committee, I want to again point out the following which was included:

*"On the recent talk about Democrats trying to keep President Donald Trump off the ballot, **please know that the AZGOP will engage in aggressive litigation with no regard to cost to make sure that President Trump WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN ARIZONA.** We will not allow the Democrats to dictate our candidates, and we will mount a vigorous legal offense to protect them.*

It's essential that we rally together during these pivotal moments to ensure we're unified in our decisions and actions. We are genuinely eager to listen, learn, and take any appropriate action to safeguard our state and nation's electoral integrity."

On another note, I am proud that I was present at the passing of the RNC's national resolution in Milwaukee last week, and I do wish to seek a vote on the exact measure by our ExComm at a future meeting. I attached a copy of that resolution to this email.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that the unsettling rise in reported intimidation toward members cannot be overlooked. This level of divisiveness isn't aligned with the Republican Party's core values. It's imperative we remember our collective mission for our state and this great nation.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication during these challenging times. Together, we will uphold the Conservative principles we hold dear and win in 2024.

Warm regards,

Jeff

Jeff DeWit

AZGOP Chairman



---PREVIOUS EMAIL BELOW FOR REFERENCE---

From: Jeff DeWit

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 8:42 PM

Subject: Urgent: Update on Emergency Meeting to Discuss MCRC's Resolution

Dear AZGOP Executive Committee Members (ExComm),

We are still working on getting a meeting together. There are a ton of moving parts. As an update on where we stand, we are due to receive a legal opinion by tomorrow morning. Unfortunately, there was a lot for legal to unpack on this one, and with no notice before being thrown into a whole different topic by the MCRC. This initiative presented by MCRC is an unprecedented move for Arizona.

Before delving further into the specifics, we believe it's of paramount importance to ensure we are navigating this correctly and legally. Consequently, we are actively consulting with our legal advisors to guarantee that our steps align with the necessary protocols and rules. We've always emphasized that rules matter, and, in this endeavor, we'll continue to lead by example. For those who may feel differently about certain rules, there's a structured process in place to advocate for changes.

Also, we must mention that one of the main things we have done at the party since my arrival as Chairman we have engaged in multiple election integrity lawsuits, the most prominent being a key fight for strengthening signature verification safeguards on ballots (case in Yavapai County). The AZGOP also recently issued a letter to AZ Secretary of State Fontes objecting to multiple provisions in his draft Elections Procedures Manual and if he does not retract his overreach, we will litigate to protect the rights of the voters of the State of Arizona.

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To save time at the meeting, I will forward some of the key topics and questions that have

been received from the 83 voting members and key people:

- The MCRC Resolution is just a concept, but not a plan and without a budget. Initial feedback is that Committee members do not want to vote on such a major overhaul, to something that the party has not done before, without a very detailed week by week plan of execution, funding, and spending.
- There is much uncertainty about the cost of designing, printing, and mailing the multiple notices to the 1.5 million Republicans, and printing the ballots for all to vote with.
- From an AZ Precinct Committeeman: “I am writing to express my concern over the soundbite resolution of MCRC. We never voted as an LD to support this resolution, nor did we have any discussion in our meetings on this. But our LD Chair voted in favor of the resolution.”
- From an ExComm voting member: “Why the MCRC did not pursue this massive change earlier? We got this dropped on us completely out of the blue. Knowing that the urgency to officially notify Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes that the state is withdrawing from the Presidential Preference Primary is September 1st, why did the MCRC wait until August 26th before ever mentioning this to anyone or proposing it? It is almost like they want it to fail, they know we can’t get everyone together this quickly, especially before a holiday weekend.”
- From an ExComm voting member: “I’m blown away then when confronted with the fact that the MCRC’s plan does not allow veterans to vote, the answer emailed to everyone from Shelby Busch was “I asked a few Veterans today, would you care if you couldn't vote in a PPE if we implemented this a one day one vote and they said they wouldn't care and they don't even think about the PPE overseas.” Does the MCRC seriously not want us to allow overseas military personnel to vote because the MCRC’s Shelby Busch talked to a few Veterans, and she says they don’t care? Not a good answer, any plan must accommodate military personnel.”
- From an ExComm voting member: “Why is the MCRC telling people this will fix ALL elections. I am getting so many emails from people that think we are “taking back Arizona elections” and that this will permanently eliminate machine voting. Why are they overpromising, this only would be for the Presidential Preference Election then it all goes back to normal.”
- From an ExComm voting member: “While the MCRC may be an election integrity mess, many counties have real Conservative Recorders and do not have any issues like Maricopa has. It isn’t fair that we must subject all the counties to doing this and not just

Maricopa. Why doesn't their proposal have an option for just Maricopa and other problem counties but spare the many good ones?"

- From an ExComm voting member: "UOCAVA is Federal law that requires mail ballots to be sent to military and civilian voters overseas. We cannot violate Federal law without inviting DOJ into AZ and our election. See here: <https://www.justice.gov/crt/uniformed-and-overseas-citizens-absentee-voting-act>"
- From an ExComm voting member: "ADA/HAVA require accessible voting devices (machines) and polling places that meet ADA compliance standards. Both are Federal laws. We do not possess accessible voting devices. These are needed on the reservations as well where written language is a barrier for tribal elders."
- From an ExComm voting member: "Early and mail voting elimination in an 'election' would invite an Equal Protection violation lawsuit which will grind us down in legal fees and DOJ will enter that litigation with broad subpoena power, leading to large legal fees for members and the party."
- From an ExComm voting member: "Maricopa County (the actual county, not MCRC) just was in the news spending \$8 million just for printers for the next election. How much more do we need to spend to get printers for the whole state? And paper, and ink, and supplies like pens and such? And staff for the massive number of precinct polls we need to open? And insurance for all those polling centers will be extremely expensive."
- From an ExComm voting member: "Public schools are already required to permit use as a polling place under statute. (A.R.S. 16-411) Every cycle since 2020, schools have certified a 'danger to the school children, which is a permissible reason to deny use as a voting facility."
- From an ExComm voting member: "MCRC is out of control. They cannot dictate to the other counties let alone the azgop. How dare they come with no plan, no money and no buy in. Also, how dare they disenfranchise our military men putting their lives on the line overseas and not allow them a vote in a crucial presidential primary let alone those who choose to exercise their right to vote by mail. Again, Maricopa County trying to dictate to the whole state. They want a vote but we shouldn't back down to bullies. We would be a laughing stock when it all falls apart due to no plan or funding. It is a get rich scheme by grifters pro-orting to know how to run elections. Ugh. Just a rant but you need to come out swinging. Of course we'd like to go back to those days of paper ballots and precinct voting with hand counts but our laws do not support it. Ugh."
- From an ExComm voting member: "I've talked a lot of counties today and we're all on

the same page, Maricopa can go pound sand. We are a rural county with a lot of elderly voters and if they cannot vote by mail our turnout will be horrific. And there is no way a rural county like ours can staff every precinct.”

- From an ExComm voting member: “The legislature passed two bills this session to require use/make it a school holiday. Both were vetoed. Public schools will not permit use for as party run presidential primary election.”
- From an ExComm voting member: “The RNC will strip AZ delegates.”

On that last point about delegates, I did speak with an RNC employee today who confirmed that we would lose 2/3 of our delegates to the National Convention without a waiver. Due to this, no matter how this election turns out, Arizona’s voice in the overall outcome of selecting the next President would be drastically reduced should this occur.

As many or all of you have experienced, there is a surge in incoming emails expressing various concerns. Disturbingly, several of our members have been doxxed and are receiving threats, and some now feel afraid to show up to the meeting and vote on the resolution. As of now we cannot guarantee anywhere close to quorum before the deadline. While we understand the depth of emotions this situation has stirred, we implore everyone to maintain a level of respect and understanding. We must remember that at our core, WE ARE ALL REPUBLICANS AND OUR SHARED GOAL IS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELECT REPUBLICANS.

I kindly urge each of you to closely monitor your emails. Once we obtain clearance from our legal team and ensure that other counties are represented, I will be announcing the time and place for our meeting.

Thank you for your dedication, understanding, and swift response during these crucial times. Together, we'll navigate this and continue to uphold the Conservative principles we stand for.

Warm regards,

Jeff DeWit
AZGOP Chairman





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via email to chairman@azgop.org

RE: Opting out of the PPE

Dear Mr. Chairman:

You have asked for an opinion on the legality of the Arizona Republican Party (the “Party”) opting out of Arizona’s upcoming Presidential Preference Election and instead using a closed alternative to determine the voting direction to give the Party’s delegates to the 2024 Republican National Convention. In sum, we believe a move at this late date would violate RNC rules and State law as well as expose the Party to a substantial risk of costly litigation. Such a change will likely result in the disapproval of the Party’s delegate selection plan by the Republican National Committee. Disapproval of the plan will significantly reduce the Party’s opportunity to participate in the National Convention.

Background

Arizona does not have a Presidential “primary,” instead it holds a Presidential Preference Election (“PPE”). The purpose of the PPE is to “give qualified electors (Republicans) the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate [of their party]. ARS § 16-241.A. Party delegates to the Republican National Nominating Convention are legally required to vote for the candidate that received the highest number of votes in the PPE on the first nominating ballot at the national convention. ARS § 16-243.B. After the first ballot and/or when other conditions are met, Arizona’s national convention delegates are free to vote for the nominee of their choice. *Ibid.*

This focused purpose – providing direction to the Party’s national convention delegates – highlights the legal reality that the ultimate guidance on the delegate selection process to the national convention and instruction to those delegates as to whom they should support in choosing the Party’s nominee are derived from the Rules of the Republican National Committee and the bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party.



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Rules of the RNC

The Rules of the RNC (the “Rules”) instruct the state parties to “achieve the broadest possible participation . . . in the delegate selection process.” Rule No. 15 of the Rules of the Republican Party, as adopted by the 2020 Republican National Convention and amended by the Republican National Convention on April 14, 2022. “All citizens who are qualified are urged to participate.” *Ibid.* Should a State Party wish to add additional qualifications to participation in the PPE, those qualification shall be adopted before October 1 of the year preceding the national convention (October 1, 2023). *Ibid.*

Each State Party is required to submit a delegate selection plan to the RNC by, in this case, October 1, 2023. Rule No. 16(f)(1). No changes to the delegate selection plan are permitted after October 1, 2023. Rule No. 16(f)(2). A state party that violates these rules is subject to having its total number of national convention voting delegates reduced to a total of 9, including delegates and alternates. Rule No. 17(a). Failure to have an approved plan may result in the RNC denying credentials to any Arizona delegate.

Bylaws of the AzGOP

State law allows each recognized political party to set forth their own process for picking national convention delegates in their party bylaws. ARS §16-243.A. The Bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party set forth that process in Article VI of the Bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party, revised and approved January 28, 2023. The Bylaws do not provide guidance on who national convention delegates should support at the national convention. However, the Bylaws do provide that they may not conflict with Arizona Revised Statutes. Art. 1.D. As noted above, **State law directs** delegates to support the winner of the PPE. ARS §16-241.A.

We are aware that there is a request for a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee to consider proposals to revise and amend the Party’s national convention delegate plan. The Party’s bylaws generally require the Secretary of the Party to deliver notice of the special meeting call to members of the Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting date. Given the number and geographical dispersion of Executive Committee members this 30-day notice period ensures the maximum number of Committee members are present and ready to participate in the meeting.

The Party’s Bylaws also require the Party to “treat all Republican candidates fairly during the primary . . .” Art. IV.C.2. We note that there is an exception to this fairness standard for the PPE but *only when an incumbent Republican president is seeking re-election.* *Ibid.*

Integration of National Rules and State Bylaws

RNC Rules require the Party to submit its’ National Convention Plan by October 1, 2023. That plan is to set out both the delegate selection process and the process for determining



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who those delegates shall support on the first nominating ballot. Rule No.16(a)(1). The Party's bylaws provide that delegates shall support the winner of the PPE on the first ballot. ARS 16-243. To the extent the Party wanted to develop alternative delegate support rules it would have to amend the Party bylaws. An amendment would require a meeting of, at a minimum, the Executive Committee. Art. 1.B. of the Bylaws. Such a meeting requires 30 days' notice of the Call. Art. III.C. There are not enough days between the day a special meeting could be called to order and the October 1 due date for the National Convention Plan to authorize a change in the mechanism for first ballot delegate voting. In addition, it is hard to believe that any change in the delegate process at this juncture complies with the fairness requirement of the Bylaws.

Arizona Case & Session Law

Case law in Arizona accepts the political parties are not required to participate in the PPE. *See Arizona Democratic Party v. Hull*, No. CV96-00909 (Maricopa County Super. Ct. Feb. 1, 1999). Session law requires a party that wishes to opt out of the PPE to notify the Secretary of State by, in this case, September 1, 2023. *See* HB2751 §19, 54th Legislature, 1st Sess. (Ariz. 2019).

Constitutional Issues

In accordance with RNC Rules and State law, currently all and any persons timely registered as a Republican may express their presidential preference in the PPE. As of July 2023, there are approximately 1,500,000 persons that could cast a vote in the Republican PPE. That number will surely grow as people registered as no party preference reregister with one party or another next year for the express purpose of participating in the PPE.

The Party opted out of the 2020 PPE. We note that the Democratic Party did hold a PPE and 613,000 Democrats cast a vote, equaling a 49% turnout. In the 2016 Republican PPE, approximately 1,100,000 Republicans cast a ballot for a 55% turnout.

Assume for sake of discussion that in a 2024 Republican PPE the turnout is 50%. Approximately 750,000 Republican from across the State will have had their voice heard in instructing the Party's National Convention delegates whom to support on the first candidate nomination ballot. Shifting from a PPE to anything else would be a massive change in how Arizona Party members express their presidential preference. For sake of discussion and given the amount of time and dollars available to communicate changes, assume that 15% of Arizona Republicans would engage in an alternative. So instead of 750,000 Arizona Republican's getting their voice heard approximately 225,000 would participate. We are very nearly certain that the Party would face a lawsuit on Federal and State due process and equal protection grounds alleging that a shift to an alternative is massive voter disenfranchisement. This decrease in participation likely violates RNC Rule No. 15. Any change in the process now leaves the Party almost defenseless to lawsuits from Republicans.



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Summary

The Party is required to adhere to State law in running its national convention delegate selection process. While the Party is permitted to opt out of the PPE, state law says that decision should have occurred by September 1, 2023. Setting aside State law, the Party's delegate selection plan is required to be delivered to the RNC no later than October 1, 2023. The Party's Bylaws specifically mandate that the Secretary notifies the Executive Committee of any special meeting a minimum of 30 days before the proposed meeting date. Considering this, any attempt to convene an emergency meeting without adhering to this 30-day notice would not only contravene the Bylaws but would also render the meeting unlawful.

Moreover, the Party suffers a significant reduction in delegates for failure to deliver its selection Plan by the required date and may not be able to participate at all if it fails to deliver a plan. An opt out of the PPE with the intention of moving to a more closed delegate selection process almost guarantees the Party will be sued on equal protection and due process grounds. The Party has no well-articulated plan to replace the PPE and no money with which to communicate this change to Arizona Republican voters. As a result, the Party would almost certainly be forced back into the PPE by court order. There is simply not enough time or resources to make that shift in this presidential election cycle while upholding the requirement of the Bylaws that the Party act fairly to all primary candidates.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lee Miller', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lee Miller



RESOLUTION URGING A “RETURN TO EXCELLENCE” IN AMERICAN VOTING AND ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, To present a formal Resolution from the Republican National Committee for declared opposition to voting manipulation schemes and to return to the functional and historic balloting and polling experience that Americans understand, appreciate, and love;

WHEREAS, The mission of the Republican Party is to act as the party that encourages and allows the broadest possible participation to all voters and to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;

WHEREAS, Ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration is critical and foundational to maintaining a civil and decent society decentralized from a federal government as the Founders intended;

WHEREAS, Americans expect accurate and swift determinations as it pertains to elections and the administration of elections;

WHEREAS, Elections have been under assault from those on the Left as they attempt to implement schemes and intentionally inject chaotic administrative changes that have drastically changed how elections are conducted in hundreds of the most populous counties and regions across the nation;

WHEREAS, Election officials are obligated to apply polling place access equitably in states, and should not eliminate polling places in order and to move to “vote center” models that make polling place access more difficult in more conservative areas;

WHEREAS, Democrats are passing non-citizen voting laws in liberal cities, which the Republican National Committee has previously resolved to oppose and ensure only United States citizens decide our elections;

WHEREAS, Republican officials are explicitly asking for decisive direction and support from the national Republican apparatus and elected Republican leadership;

WHEREAS, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have discovered and made it abundantly clear that there are recognized problems with electronic election procedures and intentional complications of instituted systems that complicate, belabor, and slow down our election processes;

WHEREAS, Election experts agree that the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before any means of tabulation; and

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee has unanimously opposed complicated election schemes like Ranked Choice Voting that is a clear example of the chaos being pushed on our states and territories; therefore, be it



RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee boldly opposes means of voting that do not have the proper safeguards in place and are exclusively electronic and calls on every county and state in the nation to use as the default ballot systems, which are fully auditable, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on secretaries of state of each state to implement anti-counterfeit ballot printing, tracing and verification procedures;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee formed a special Election Integrity Committee designed to offer ideas, suggestions and reports on election equipment and voting procedures and it will integrate its findings of best practices through the Election Integrity Department and communicating its findings on voting schemes, balloting systems, election equipment, and safeguards to elected officials, candidates, and voters;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee supports the rights of counties and states that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on state legislatures, county, and municipal governments to pass laws and municipal codes and rules that allow for full transparent hand-counting procedures that are planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on all Republican officeholders to defend the historic practice of geographically-defined and assigned precinct, ward and localized polling places for means of balloting and tabulating paper ballots by geographic unit;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee stands firmly behind voter identification laws and calls on state legislatures to pass laws to ensure every voter is verified to be the actual voter regardless of method in which they vote at the time of voting, casting, or delivering a ballot;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee hereby opposes any and all efforts for states to unreasonably expand time periods for early or vote-by-mail that makes ballot counting procedures intentionally unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following the conclusion of an election on election day;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls for elimination of temporary or ‘pop-up’ voting locations, drop boxes, and any other voting center that are not fairly defined and bound to a designated geographic territory and where voting locations exist, namely by precinct, so that voting is accessible equitably by legal precinct, ward or defined geographic unit in order to provide impartial access for all voters; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls for a necessary “return to excellence” or in other words, a return to the simple and proven methods of precinct, ward or geographically-defined localized voting with auditable balloting procedures using paper ballots, in fair, reasonable limited time periods, using proper identification to strengthen voter confidence and to ensure that American election procedures can be a fair and open process for all to participate.

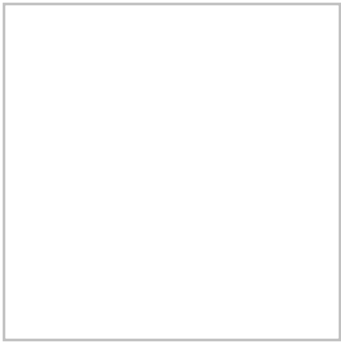
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Dear Heather,

With just over two weeks until our 50th ALEC Annual Meeting we want to keep you updated on the agenda as it continues to take shape.

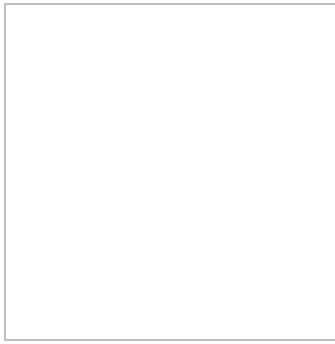
Listed below are a few events that you won't want to miss!



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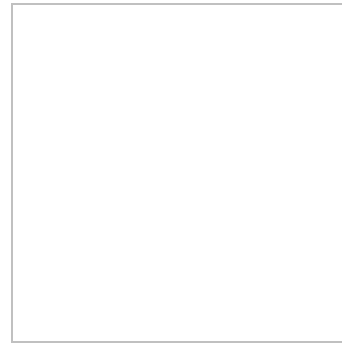
**[Late Night Dessert &
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Continue the
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July 26

5:30 - 8:00 PM

**Florida Welcome
Reception:
at Universal CityWalk**



July 28

2:00 - 4:00 PM

**ALEC 50th
Anniversary
Party - Families
Invited!**

Meeting Agenda

Timely topics for discussion include:

Making Broadband Investment Count While Protecting Taxpayer Funds

Billions in federal broadband dollars will be disbursed imminently across the states, with each state set to receive at least \$100 million to connect unserved and underserved communities. Explore how you can be a good steward of your state's broadband allocation by employing best practices and guarding against waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer funds.

The Bright Lights of Liberty: The Big State Wins that Make Us More Free and Drive the Left Crazy

The list of challenges is long. The hours are short. And the left

continues its march. But some state leaders have kept the lamp of liberty burning bright. We see it every day. Despite having businesses to run, families to care for, and communities with real needs, state legislators are winning big fights against government overreach, dependency, and wokeness. If you're not feeling the heat from that lamp of liberty yet, join us. Let us share real state-level success stories from this past year and help you build a playbook for 2024 and beyond!

The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation

The question of how to best keep teens safe online has dominated state houses and will likely continue to be a major theme of legislative sessions in 2024. Florida was no different, passing a law that will require all public school students to take classes on social media safety. As lawmakers across the country grapple with such a critical issue, there is a real danger that well-intentioned proposals could erode first amendment rights, establish a co-parenting relationship with the government, and create needless cybersecurity vulnerabilities that leave all internet users worse off. In this workshop, we will explore the dangers teens face online and what lawmakers at the state level can do to protect them when using social media platforms without compromising our core values of personal responsibility, individual freedom, and limited government.

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Have questions? Contact the ALEC Meetings Team at meetings@alec.org.

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Friends,

Iowa lawmakers and Governor Kim Reynolds, an ALEC Alumnus, recently delivered a big win on property taxes for Iowans. The Hawkeye State became the latest state to enact **Truth-in-Taxation**. One of the ALEC ***Essential Policy Solutions for 2023***, Truth-in-Taxation aims to reduce the growth of property taxes – a common taxpayer complaint – through transparency and accountability.

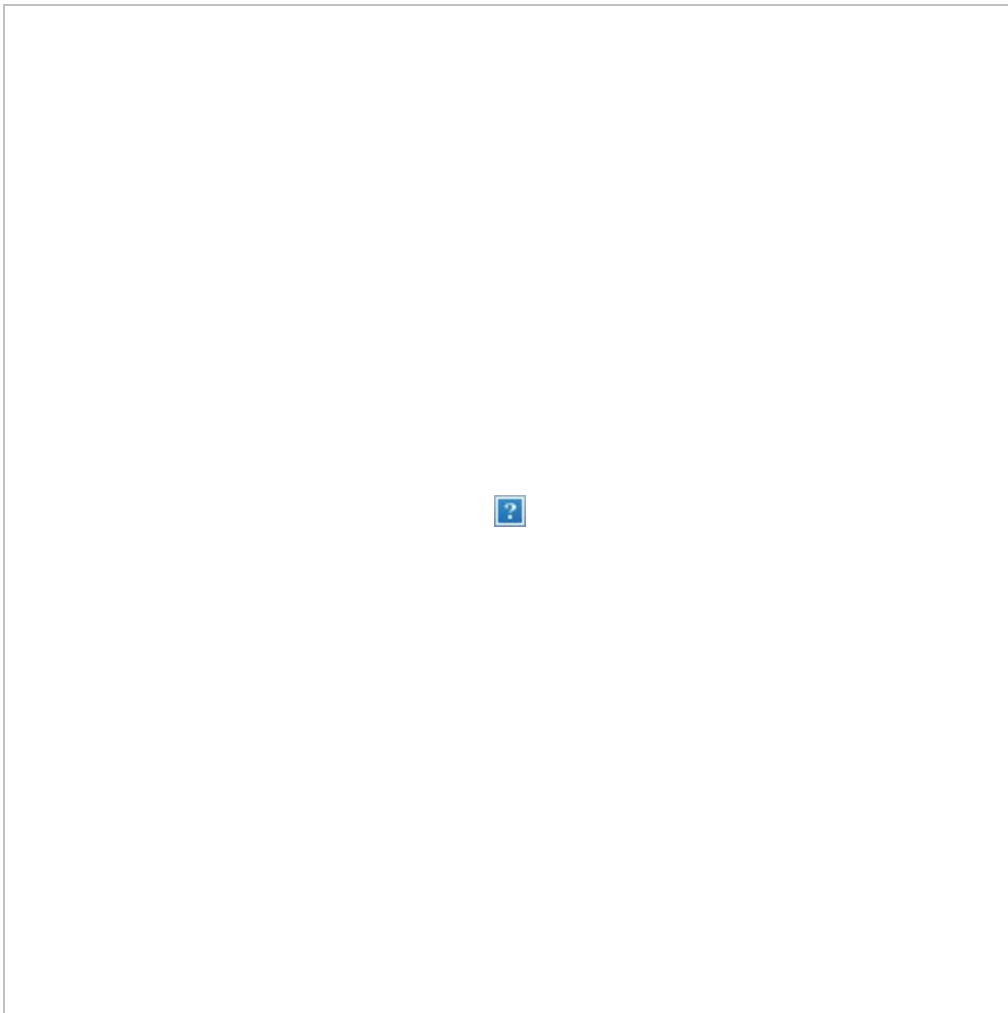
ALEC Board of Directors member and Iowa House Speaker Pro Tem John Wills commented, “Property taxes are often hard to understand by the taxpayer and easy to abuse by the local government. That’s why Iowa implemented Truth-in-Taxation that shines the light on these taxes, so they are more easily understood and harder to abuse.”

Read more about Truth-in-Taxation in Iowa and how the Hawkeye State has been a trendsetter for free market policy solutions in recent years.

Map of the Week

Property Tax Burden

This week's map of the week comes from [**Rich States, Poor States**](#). It shows how the states rank in terms of [**property tax burden**](#). Alabama receives the best ranking at \$14.08 of tax revenue per \$1,000 of income. Maine ranks worst with \$53.94 of tax revenue per \$1,000. To learn more about [**property tax reform**](#), check out the ALEC [**Statement of Principles on Truth in Property Taxation**](#). For more about how property tax burden impacts Economic Outlook, visit [**RichStatesPoorStates.org**](#).



As always, please keep in touch, and let me know whenever we can be helpful to you.

All the best,



ALEC Commentary



Are States Making Smart Economic Decisions? The Voice of Reason with Andy Hooser

I joined Andy Hooser on the Voice of Reason to talk about the economic rankings of states, which states are cutting taxes or overspending, and whether or not they are prepared for an upcoming recession.

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[State of the Economy: The Ed Dean Show](#)

I recently spoke with Ed Dean on The Ed Dean Morning Show for Florida's AM 600 and FM 101.1 about the state of the economy and the latest reports on GDP and economic growth. Consumer spending remains strong and is holding up GDP growth. Concerningly, business investment is way down and interest rates continue to hinder growth in real estate.

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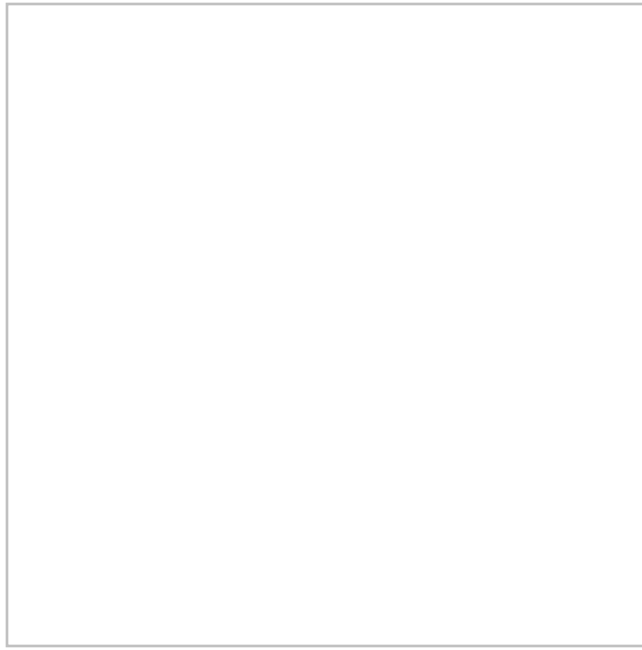
[Rich States, Poor States on Tipping Point New Mexico](#)

On the Rio Grande Foundation's *Tipping Point New Mexico* podcast, I joined Paul Gessing to explain the methodology of [Rich States, Poor States](#) and what policymakers can do to improve New Mexico's [Economic Outlook](#).

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[Inflation and Economic Outlook at the SFOF National Conference](#)

The State Financial Officers Foundation held its National Conference in New Hampshire where I had the opportunity to speak about inflation and [Economic Outlook](#) in the states alongside economists Brian Wesbury and Michael Austin, as well as Oklahoma State Treasurer (and ALEC Alumnus) Todd Russ.



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Friends,

Our team just returned home from Saratoga Springs, New York, where legislators from the Northeast gathered for our latest Regional Tax and Economic Policy Academy. We were joined by policy experts from around the country to discuss issues like protecting pensions from politicized investment strategies, how strong fiscal rules can slow the growth of state spending, and why Truth-in-Taxation can protect taxpayers from skyrocketing property taxes. A special thanks to our New York delegation and our state chair, Assemblyman Robert Smullen for hosting us in the Empire State.

This legislator academy was the first of 15 that the ALEC policy team will be hosting this year all across the country. If you are interested in attending one this year, please let us know by filling out the interest form: [**2023 ALEC Academy Series**](#).

As always, please keep in touch, and let me know whenever we can be helpful to you.

All the best,



ALEC Commentary



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Red States Have Slowed the ESG Juggernaut

In his latest op-ed in *TheWall Street Journal*, our friend Andy Puzder highlights how states are keeping politics out of pensions. As he outlines in the piece, states are passing legislation consistent with the ALEC model **State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act**, one of our **Essential Policy Solutions for 2023**.



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[Highlighting ALEC Model Policy on NPR](#)

ALEC Vice President of Policy Lee Schalk appeared on NPR Pittsburgh to discuss how clear rules defining fiduciary responsibilities are the best way to put taxpayers and pensioners first. Often, retirees have no idea that the funds committed to their promises are being used to accomplish political ends.



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[The Disastrous Effects of Government Overspending on NTD News](#)

On NTD News earlier this week, I joined host Steve Lance to break down the complicated dynamics at play in our economy right now. In addition to discussing tech sector layoffs, cooling inflation, and potential Fed strategy, I noted that excess government spending, especially in Washington, can have deleterious effects on the economy.



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[Colorado's TABOR is Under Attack Again](#)

On my latest episode of *States of Play* on American Radio Journal, I detail the latest deceptive scheme to undermine the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) and why this scheme poses a threat to spending restraint in other states.

Map of The Week

[The "Magic Moment" for Education Freedom](#)

On another recent episode of *States of Play*, I discussed how education is being reimagined at the state level by states implementing universal ESAs. As seen on the map below parents across the country may now choose how best to dispense funds for their children's education instead of having their kids placed in a one size fits all system that

simply assigns students to schools based on zip codes.

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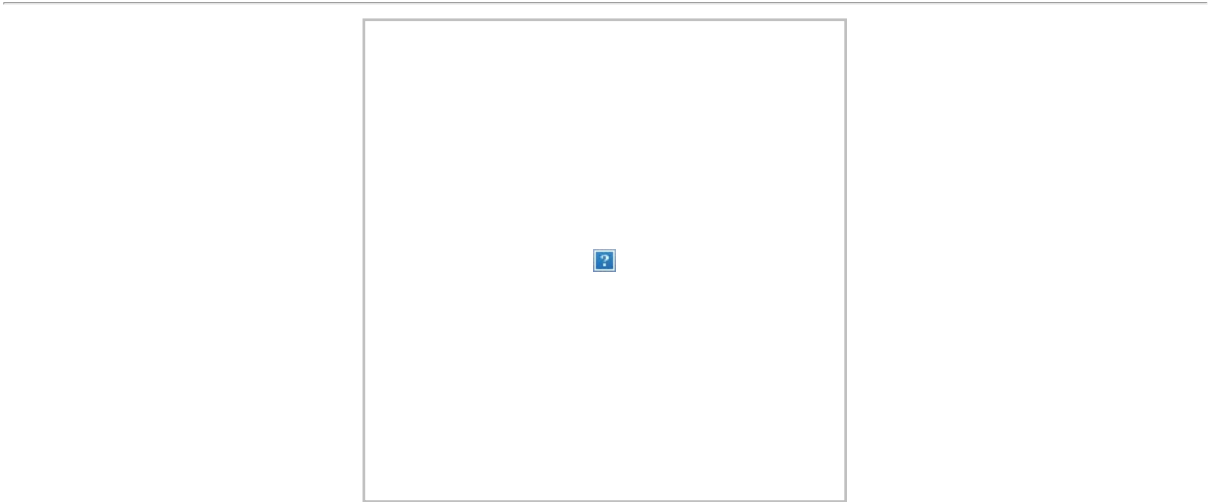
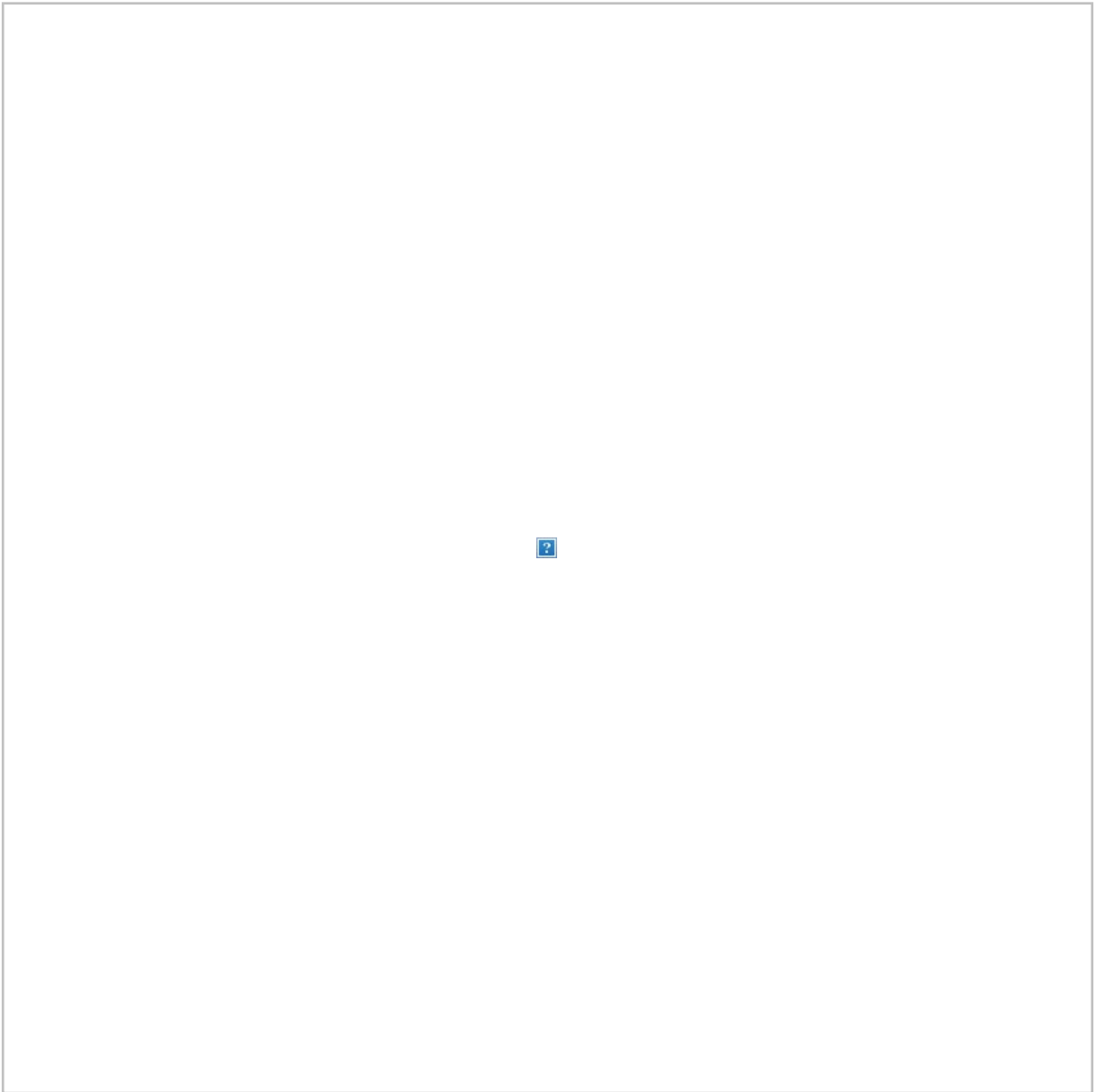


Friends,

Our team has been on the road in several states recently, holding issue briefings with lawmakers. We've been in Georgia, Nebraska, Kansas and Louisiana! Thank you to Representative John Carson in Georgia, Senator Lou Ann Linehan in Nebraska, Senate President Ty Masterson and Speaker Dan Hawkins in Kansas and the Pelican Institute in Louisiana for hosting our team in your states!

We have a lot more travel on the books for the next few weeks. If you would like to host an issue briefing in your state, please let us know!

All the best,

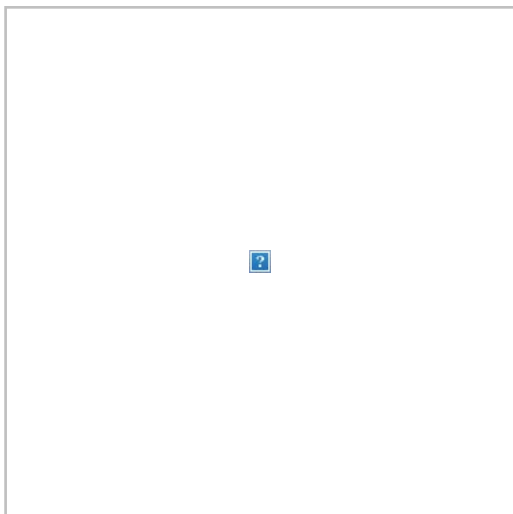


The Poor State Alliance and Its No Good, Very Bad Tax Plans

The Daily Caller

A so-called “Poor State Alliance” of eight states – all of which rank very poorly in *Rich States, Poor States* – has emerged with proposals to implement wealth taxes. In my latest op-ed in Daily Caller with Nick Stark, Director of the ALEC Task Force on Tax and Fiscal Policy, we unpack the constitutional and logistical lunacy of the wealth tax.

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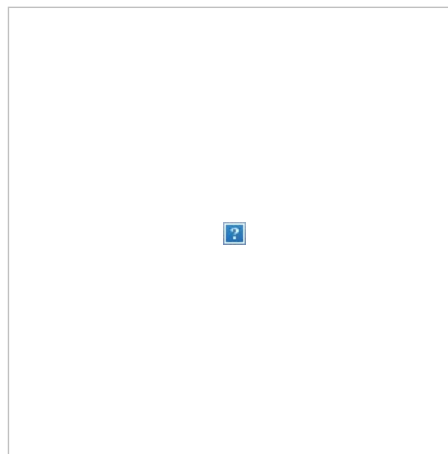


Washington Seeks to Empower Government While States Seek to Empower Individuals

NTD News

I told [NTD News](#) this week states are reducing the size and scope of government while federal leaders are expanding it.

Read



Arizona Senate Votes to Protect Pensioners and Taxpayers

The Arizona Senate recently passed [Senate Bill 1500](#), a bill to keep politics out of state investments. This bill is currently in the Arizona House of Representatives. This effort closely follows one of ALEC's [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#) to protect retirees by keeping politics out of pensions: the ALEC model [State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act](#). [Read more.](#)

Read

Lee Schalk on The Doug Wagner Show

Lee Schalk, ALEC Vice President of Policy, recently told Doug Wagner on WMT Newsradio (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) that Congress should be applauded for its [recent bipartisan resolution](#) rejecting the Biden Administration's Department of Labor rule on ESG, also noting that states are taking the lead in the fight against politically motivated investment schemes that put politics above the states' fiduciary obligations to retirees.

Listen

ALEC Model Policy Would Remove Politics from Pension Investment Decisions

Bloomberg Law

I recently told [Bloomberg Law](#) lawmakers across the country are interested in protecting the hard-earned retirement savings of state employees from politically motivated investment schemes.

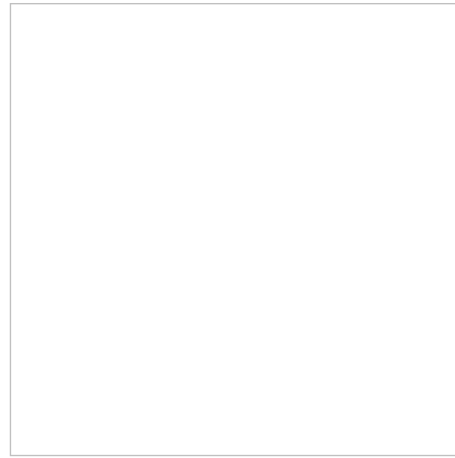
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ALEC Celebrates Sunshine Week

This week ALEC celebrates "[Sunshine Week](#)." Sunshine Week was started in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors (now the New Leaders Association) to promote open, transparent government. Transparency is key to ALEC's educational efforts, and we have several model policies that ensure transparency from taxation to education to health care. Below are three model policies included in our publication, [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#), which highlights our solutions to important issues the states and Washington, DC are faced with this year.

Read



Transparency at the Expense of Greater Federal Control?

Buried deep within the nearly 4000-page [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 \(NDAA\)](#) is a mandate that state and local governments prepare their annual financial statements in a standardized format that's electronically searchable. These requirements, similar to reforms discussed in the ALEC model policy [The Open Financial Statement Act](#), will give the general public the ability to view and analyze government data at a keystroke. However, greater transparency will come at the cost of giving D.C. greater control over state and local government accounting and state and local taxpayers are expected to foot the bill.

Read

Map of the Week

2021 & 2022 Personal Income Tax Cuts

This week's map of the week shows personal income tax cuts made in 2021 and 2022. Both years were historic in terms of how many states cut income taxes, with 2022 seeing the rebirth of the Flat Tax Revolution. Over the last two years, 20 states have cut personal income taxes. Nine states made cuts in 2021, and six states made cuts in 2022, with five states making cuts in both years. Use the "Adjust Policies" feature of [RichStatesPoorStates.org](#) for more information about how personal income tax cuts could impact your state's [Economic Outlook](#).



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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Heather Covert](#)
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Thank you for reaching out! I am currently out on maternity leave. Should you have a question about an upcoming ALEC event, please contact the below.

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Annelise Coffin - acoffin@alec.org

Thank you again!

Best,
Courtney Cook
ALEC Vice President of Events
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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Heather Covert](#)
Subject: CEO Update: April 2023
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 7:26:58 AM



Dear Heather,

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the promise of redemption and hope. In the Christian tradition, in just three days we went from Good Friday, the penultimate moment of darkness to the moment where light and hope were restored.

As many states reach the end or midpoint of their legislative sessions, I am optimistic in what I am seeing around the country. If we fix our eyes on the positive future created when free people are allowed to pursue

opportunity, we find hope, along with the strength and encouragement to continue to make a difference.

Thanks to your continued support, leaders of state governments are equipped to better understand the impact of the policies they support, and why some states create booming economies while others send residents fleeing in droves.

And, in April just as we celebrate Easter we also are reminded on April 15th about the role our government has in our lives. Each April working with Dr. Arthur Laffer and Steve Moore ALEC wraps up our annual assessment of the economic outlook and performance of the 50 states and how they compete with one another. Click [here](#) to see where your state currently ranks.

Thanks to your support, this playbook for success has been a tool we use throughout the country to educate and try our best to lessen government impact on our lives. Next week we will release our 16th Annual Rich States, Poor States Report.

The impact doesn't stop at academic curiosity. Policymakers are taking heed of ALEC's research, and changing the direction of their policy agendas for the better.

In 2022 alone, we saw five new states become flat tax states starting with ALEC alumnus Governor Kim Reynolds in Iowa, and expanding to Arizona, Mississippi, Georgia, and Idaho.

"A freedom movement has been unleashed because of Rich States, Poor States. I'm really proud to have been a part of it from the start," says economist Steve Moore, coauthor of the report.

[Watch our next video](#) from the 50th anniversary series, Rich States, Poor States with Art Laffer, Steve Moore and others where they review the topline findings of Rich States, Poor States.



With your help, I believe that more policymakers will take action to improve their state's financial standing. Will you share Rich States, Poor States with someone in your community? Showing how policy impacts people is our best chance of winning the battle of ideas.

Sincerely,



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P.S. ALEC is focused on delivering the information you need to be an effective advocate for sound policies. If you are someone who is eager to contribute to a new era of economic growth, please subscribe [here](#) to be included on additional ALEC emails.



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From: [Lisa Nelson](#)
To: [Heather Covert](#)
Subject: CEO Update: March 2023
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:05:16 PM



Dear Heather,

There's a lot going on at ALEC and around the country and I have so much to update you on. Please read all the way through – this is important.

Just last week in major policy development, I was buoyed by the messages being sent by many in the public sphere in support of business and job creators. ALEC has been the victim of so much of what we now recognize as “cancel culture” or intimidation by special interest groups –

and we have suffered from misrepresentations of who we are by outsiders and the media – what we are is a 50 year strong nonpartisan member organization of free market, limited government legislators who believe that the states should be the laboratories of Democracy. What we are is a policy solution focused organization that welcomes all state based elected officials to work with us on issues that affect our success as a nation.

As such, last week's actions are worth noting. They suggest a shift and a realignment of thinking as it relates to how business should be able to protect their shareholders interests.

In the US Senate –

In a joint resolution passed last week, Congress followed one of ALEC's [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#) to protect retirees by keeping politics out of pensions. The *bipartisan* votes in the House and Senate were rejection of a new [Department of Labor rule](#) that allows pension plan managers to incorporate politics into their investment decisions. Hats off to Senator Mike Braun of Indiana and Representative Andy Barr of Kentucky, who led this effort on Capitol Hill.

As a part of this news, ALEC alumnus, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia voted in favor of the resolution. In his words, "The ESG rule...is just another example of how our Administration prioritizes a liberal policy agenda over protecting and growing the retirement accounts of 150 million Americans that will be in jeopardy."

And in the Wall Street Journal we saw a remarkable editorial that Vanguard would not base their investments on any type of standards set by outside influences. ALEC applauds Vanguard CEO Tim Buckley when he [stated](#), "Our research indicates that ESG investing does not have any advantage over broad-based investing." ALEC applauds this principled stance.

As ALEC celebrates 50 years of trusted policy solutions, we remain committed to help individuals from all walks of life identify those best practices that lead to growth and opportunity. We recognize that opportunity is the great equalizer and driver of success.

For 2023, our policy team has analyzed the best free market ideas to add to the important discussions taking place across the states and at the federal level in Washington. With these Essential Policy Solutions and others, we're seeking to support employees and strengthen their First Amendment freedoms. [Read more about ALEC's newly released Essential Policy Solutions for 2023.](#)

We're proud to see the economic growth in the 28 states that have embraced issues like the Right to Work – especially in Tennessee, where voters protected in the state constitution their rights to freedom of association when it comes to the decision to participate in a union.

But employee freedoms still face opposition, notably in Illinois where a constitutional amendment, equally and opposite to Tennessee's, has encroached on the Right to Work.

I shared with you earlier in the year in honor of our 50th Anniversary, each month we would showcase a policy that has worked to keep states competitive. This month we unveil our first video on "Worker Freedom," highlighting ALEC's 50 years of trusted policy solutions.

[Read more about ALEC's history of championing worker freedom.](#)

These regressive changes in Illinois are the antithesis of the prosperous reforms made by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and a stalwart group of state legislators who implemented important safeguards against boundless union bargaining with public employees.



Always key to our strategic vision is ALEC's ability to monitor and respond to developments in state legislatures across the country. With the laboratories of state legislation in full-swing, and motions on these critical reforms short at hand, it is crucial that policy leaders organize for action.

And today, I'm thrilled to share with you that registration opens tomorrow for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. Led by the country's top policy experts and state legislators representing all 50 states, the ALEC Annual Meeting is the epicenter of policy development.

[Learn more](#) about attending the ALEC Annual Meeting in Orlando, July 26 - 28, 2023. Join your colleagues from across the country at this can't miss event to learn, debate and promote policy solutions to take back to your home state.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and in the meantime, we're keeping up with the great work you do.

Sincerely,

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To: [Heather Covert](#)
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Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:41:31 AM



Dear Heather,

How do you build a future worth fighting for?

As you know, America's success depends on the quality of our education and the health of thriving free markets. Last week we met with our ALEC National Chairman, Representative Daniel Perez (Florida) and our Board of Directors to discuss some of the issues legislatures are grappling with as sessions come to close for the year.

Discussions on education, fiscal conservatism, and environmental, social

and governance investing (ESG) were highlighted where the government has overreached and overregulated. There continues to be a need to develop trusted solutions that enable a better future for our citizens and stronger coalitions who will support effective policies.

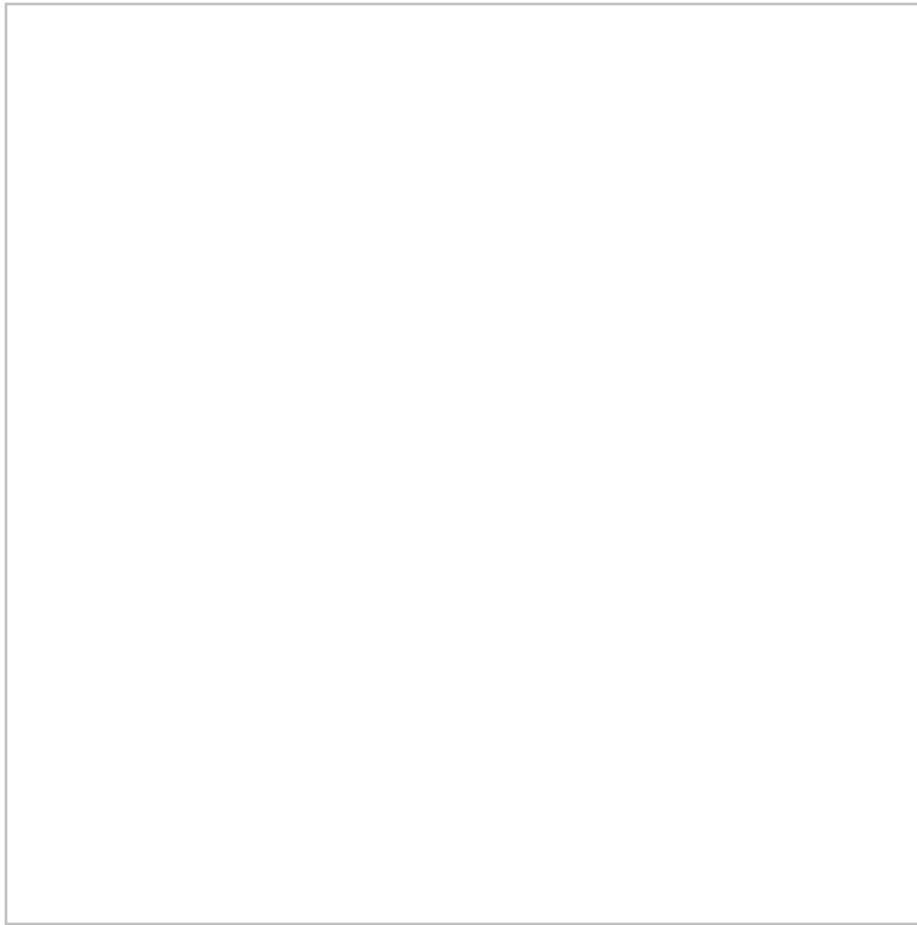
In honor of our 50th Anniversary, ALEC made a commitment to expand our policy education to all 50 states. We've made remarkable progress already. So far, we've held in-person meetings with state officials in 42 states – far-exceeding our May benchmark for our 50-state strategy for ALEC's 50-year anniversary.

Expanding ALEC's presence in the states has produced scores of significant policy wins – including universal education savings accounts (ESAs), a flat tax revolution, and historic deregulation efforts. And we're especially encouraged to see more progress on tort reform in the states. 2023 is poised to be a very critical year in terms of positive impact.

You may recall, ALEC started some of our work on tort reform more than 30 years ago. Since then, ALEC's Civil Justice Task Force has connected state lawmakers and legal experts to help one another restore fairness and predictability in the domain of civil justice.

ALEC members have developed dozens of model policies to protect the legal system from frivolous litigation which cripples businesses' ability to innovate, employ and foster economic prosperity. ALEC's success has helped states restore fairness and justice in their civil justice systems, driving down economic costs from an overly litigious America.

If you'd like to learn more about ALEC's efforts on tort reform, you may value this video. Just released is our [THIRD video](#) of our 50th anniversary series: 50 Years of Trusted Policy Solutions.



ALEC is proud to commemorate its 50th year with scores of legislative reforms. We look forward to celebrating a new generation of policy makers for the next 50 years.

We'll be recognizing *ALEC's 50 Under 50* at our 50th Anniversary Gala. Do you know someone under 50 who is dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism? Please consider nominating a public sector leader for [ALEC's 50 Under 50](#).

While bold leadership in the statehouse can produce amazing results, it is never easy to do alone and we want to be sure to build the bond across the country of our fearless leaders. That's how we build for the future!

As always, please keep in touch and let me know if you would like the ALEC team to visit your state.

All the best,



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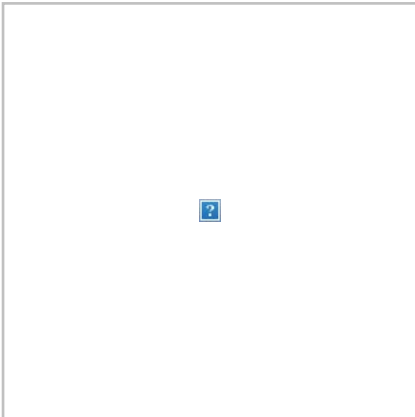
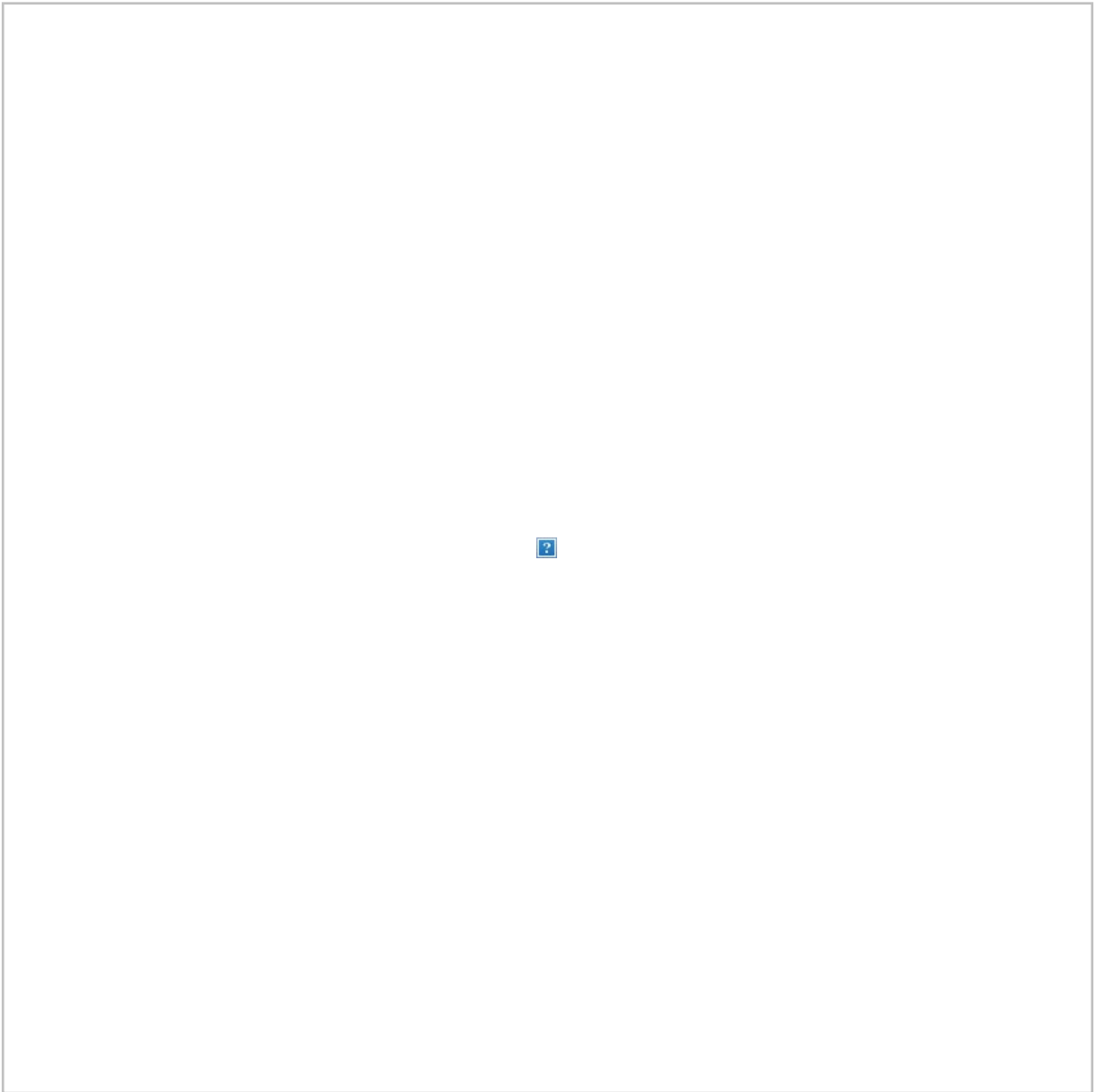


Friends,

This week, Congress, led by Senator Mike Braun of Indiana and Representative Andy Barr of Kentucky, voted to keep politics out of pensions. It comes as a rebuke to a Department of Labor rule finalized in December that allows private pension plan managers to incorporate non-pecuniary factors, such as ESG investing, into investment decisions. This effort falls right in line with ALEC principles for sound pension reform, as outlined in the new ALEC publication [2023 Essential Policy Solutions](#).

Our team also hit the road in two states this week. I was in Alabama speaking at an event hosted by the Alabama Forestry Association, while Director of the Task Force on Tax and Fiscal Policy Nick Stark was in Kansas. If you would like to host an ALEC event in your state, please don't hesitate to reach out.

All the best,



NEW RELEASE: ALEC Essential Policy Ideas for 2023

This year, ALEC celebrates its 50th year of trusted policy solutions, and this week, the ALEC policy team has published our [Essential Policy Solutions for 2023](#), detailing the best free-market solutions to issues across the states and in Washington, DC.

Read

Congress Votes to Keep Politics Out of Pensions

This week, Congress, led by Senator Mike Braun of Indiana and Representative Andy Barr of Kentucky, voted to keep politics out of pensions. It comes as a rebuke to a Department of Labor rule finalized in December that allows private pension plan managers to incorporate non-pecuniary factors, such as ESG investing, into investment decisions. ALEC [submitted comment in opposition](#) to this harmful DOL rule in December of 2021, and developed the [State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act](#) to help states keep politics out of pensions.

[Read More](#)

New Episode of *States of Play*

On my latest episode of *States of Play* for American Radio Journal, I discuss the 2022 domestic migration trends. The biggest winners and the biggest losers are no surprise, but there's a developing trend of Americans leaving high-tax, big government states that saw record net domestic in-migration over the last decade – a testament to the destruction of these types of policies.

[listen](#)



Let's Bring Greater Transparency to Property Taxes

ALEC Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams was recently featured on WMT Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa talking about the need for greater transparency in property taxes.

[Read More](#)

Map of the Week

2022 Income Tax Cuts

This week's Map of the Week shows which state legislatures cut income taxes in 2022. A total of 13 states made income tax cuts last year, with six making personal income tax cuts, two making corporate income tax cuts and five making both personal and corporate income tax cuts. There was also a revival of the Flat Tax Revolution with four legislatures enacting cuts that flattened and lowered their rates, and Arizona's 2020 Proposition 208 was overturned by the Arizona Supreme Court, giving Arizona a flat tax rate of 2.5% – the lowest in the nation. Visit [RichStatesPoorStates.org](#) to view your state's income tax rates and use the "Adjust Policies" tool to see how your state's [Economic Outlook](#) could be improved by income tax cuts.



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To: [Warren Petersen](#)
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Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 6:04:43 AM



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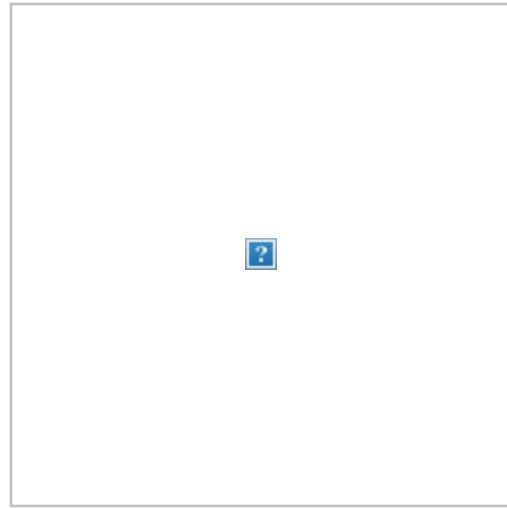
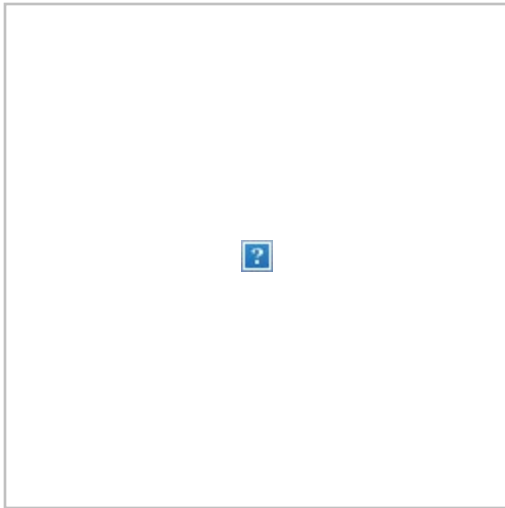
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To: [Heather Covert](#)
Subject: Early-Bird Registration is Open!
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:09:27 AM



Dear Heather,

Where will you be July 26th through 28th? I hope the answer is the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting!

This year marks our 50th Anniversary celebrating 50 years of trusted policy solutions that benefit all Americans. We are looking forward to celebrating this anniversary throughout the year, and we can't wait to gather together at the JW Marriott, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting.



Our annual conferences are where we join together with our colleagues from around the country, learn about the solutions others are adopting in their home states, have open debates about policy prescriptions, and hear about best practices for tackling the most pressing policy issues. [Will we see you there?](#)

Register Now

Registration opens today for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting! Early bird rates will end on May 31, 2023 so make your plans today and save on your registration fees.

As in the past, our event is family-friendly, so bring the entire family to Orlando for an unforgettable experience. Don't forget to register your kids for the [ALEC Kid's Congress program!](#) If you're looking for fun things to do in Orlando, be sure to check out Universal CityWalk, Old Town in Kissimmee, ICON Park (with its famous observation wheel), Lake Nona Sculpture Garden, and, of course, water parks. Orlando is home to some of America's biggest theme parks.

Check out the VisitOrlando page [here](#) to learn more about the exciting things to do in Orlando, FL!

Want to know what to expect? View the current agenda [here](#) for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. Check back often as we are continually updating the details.

Still deciding if you want to join us in Orlando? Take a minute to look back on the 2022 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia with this [short video](#) highlighting last year's event.



If you would like to support the ALEC Annual Meeting as either a sponsor or an exhibitor, please reach out to our Events Team at meetings@alec.org. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis!

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
Vice President of Events

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Other Upcoming Events



It is never too early to begin thinking about our upcoming gala to celebrate the ALEC 50th Anniversary. Our ability to share ideas and inspire change is evident by the decades that ALEC has been around. **Mark your calendars for October 4th in DC at the National Portrait Gallery!**



Mark your calendars for the **ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit, November 28 – November 30, 2023** in **Scottsdale, AZ**! ALEC members and friends will gather for discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the Summit will open in the fall of 2023.

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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Educational Freedom and Opportunity
Date: Sunday, September 3, 2023 10:06:50 AM



Dear Warren,

As fall approaches, two important events that resonate with the core of the American spirit are on the horizon. First and foremost is the unveiling of ALEC's latest model policies. And second – as children start the new school year – is the resurgence of the drive for educational freedom, a cause that should strike a chord with every parent and policymaker as our little ones – and not-so-little ones – return to the halls of learning.

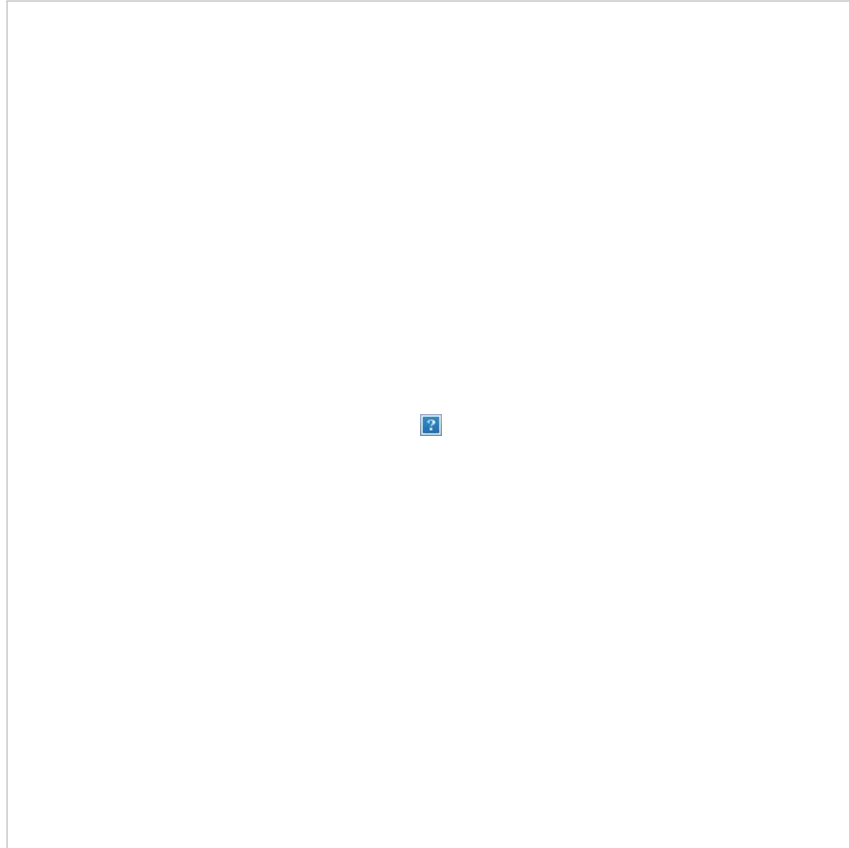
I've always held a sense of pride in ALEC's ability over the past 50 years to provide trusted policy solutions to the critical issues facing our country. Following our Annual Meeting in Orlando, ALEC officially adopted **23 new model policies** on issues ranging from ranked-choice voting (RCV) and artificial intelligence (AI) to central bank digital currency (CBDC) and politicized investment strategies like ESG. Our model policies are sure to resonate with the pulse of the nation.

While the federal machinery of higher taxes and strangling regulations churns on, it is left to the states to stand as a beacon of hope and leadership. ALEC members, who have earned the trust of the American people, have answered that call and responded with visionary policies that stand guard over our freedoms. Especially when it comes to education.

As a parent and new grandparent, I know what it's like to imagine the best for our children and their future. The hope for the best, the dream of accomplishment, and the fear of everything standing in their way. These are not dreams to be left to the whims of bureaucrats driven by ivory-towered principles. Rather it is the sacred duty of every parent and local community to navigate. The notion that distant voices in Washington should dictate the lessons and instructions our children receive is a departure from our

cherished principles of federalism. The place for educational decision-making should rest firmly within the states.

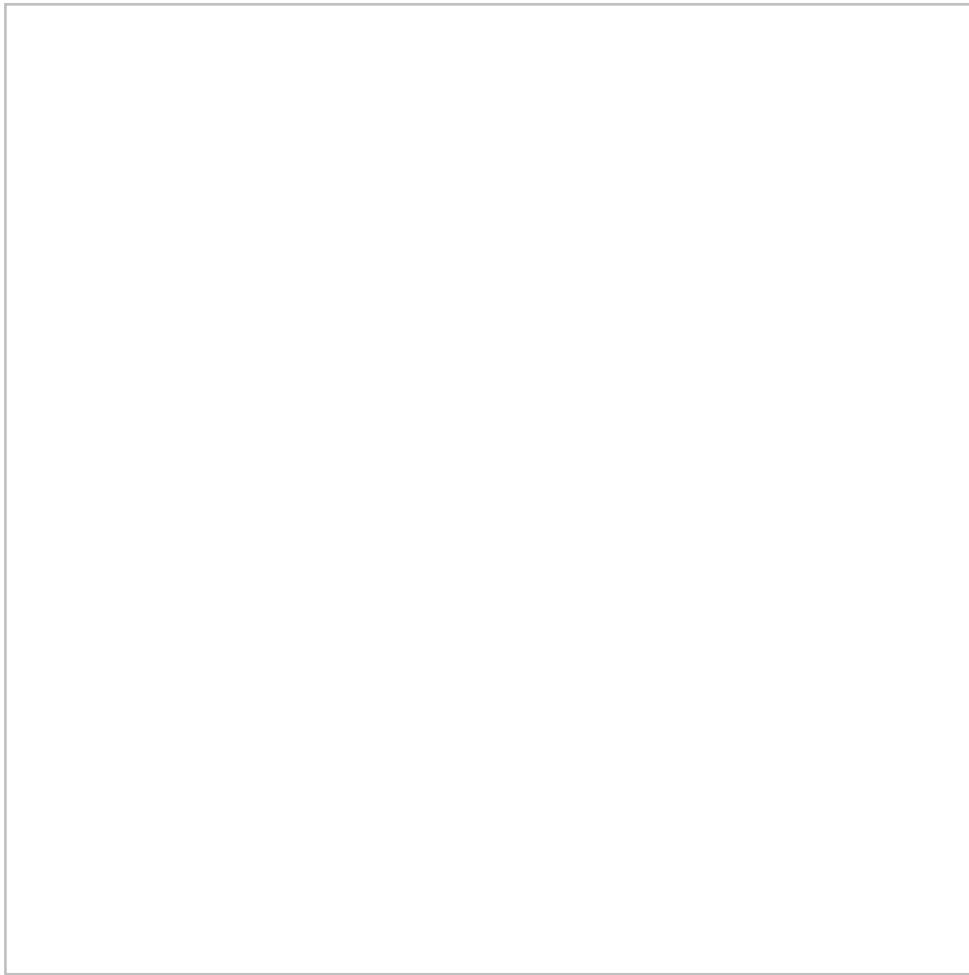
Educational freedom and opportunity are the very essence of our mission. The dedication of ALEC to this noble cause is unwavering, and the influence of our members in this arena is both profound and undeniable. That's why the latest installment in our [50th Anniversary video series](#) focuses on our work over the years and success in the realm of education.



All across our great nation, parents are raising their voices to call for alternatives to the current educational offerings. Thanks to the courage of legislators like Arizona Speaker of the House Ben Toma, West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker, Iowa Speaker Pro Tem John Wills, and many more, the states are raising the banner of universal education freedom, paving the way for a brighter future.

Working hand in hand with esteemed partners like the Center for Education Reform, Stride, Lifelong Learning, Stand Together, EdChoice and many more, this movement is sweeping the nation, fueled by the passion of parents and students who demand the best education.

In the last three years alone, that educational freedom momentum can be found in:



By the year 2025, we envision 25 states embracing universal education freedom policies, placing authority where it rightfully belongs – in the hands of parents. Let us not merely brush the door ajar; let us blast it open with such force that every parent across this land is free to chart a course that fulfills their child's aspirations.

You also might have noticed a [recent OpEd in the Wall Street Journal](#) co-authored by ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform Research Director Thomas Savidge and ALEC Health & Human Service Senior Task Force Director Brooklyn Roberts. If you haven't, you can [read it here](#). In a nutshell, the piece asks if the expansion of Medicaid under ACA could mean bigger bills for the states after the federal government lost its AAA credit rating.

Before closing, a quick reminder about our [50th Anniversary Gala](#), set for October 4th at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. This celebration, five decades in the making, pays homage to the steadfast leaders who have forged the course of American governance by applying our shared principles of limited government, free markets and federalism. And it also recognizes the leadership of the future with our **50 Under 50** who will be showcased at the event.

We need you there. We want you there. And, if you have the time, we'd love to thank you in person for all the years of your support.

Please, [join us for this historic occasion](#), as we honor history, salute innovation, and reaffirm our commitment to the bedrock principles that anchor our democracy.

Best,



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To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Extraordinary Pension Reform in North Dakota
Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023 7:06:14 AM





Friends,

Last week, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum signed a historic pension reform bill into law protecting public employees and taxpayers from growing unfunded liabilities. The reform, which brings North Dakota closer to the [**ALEC Principles of Sound Pension Practices**](#), closes existing defined-benefit plan to new hires and enrolls them into a defined-contribution plan, which allows plan portability and helps increase returns, closing pension funding gaps and saving taxpayers money.

[**Read**](#) more about how these reforms will serve as a model for successful, sound pension reform for the rest of the country. Congratulations to North Dakota for the historic achievement!

All the best,



ALEC Commentary



CalPERS and CalSTRS Know Fossil Fuel Divestment is a Recipe for Disaster

CalPERS and CalSTRS are waking up to the fact that divestment hurts retirees and taxpayers. California's two largest public retirement systems recently opposed California Senate Bill 252, which divests California

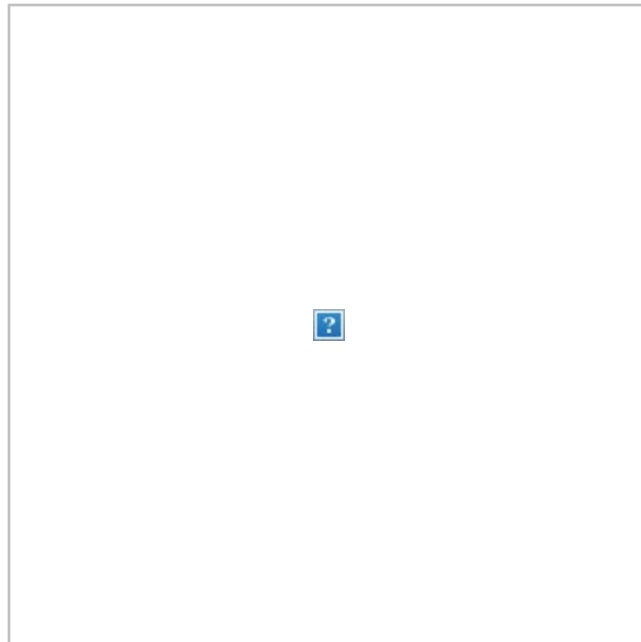
retirement system funds from fossil fuels.

New Episode of States of Play

On the latest episode of *States of Play* on American Radio Journal, I discuss the current federal debt ceiling negotiations and how the federal government can learn fiscal responsibility from the states.

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Rich States Poor States in the News



1. Why is Utah the best? As Utah Senate President Stuart Adams and I recently explained in [Deseret News](#), it all comes down to preparation.
2. [Fox News](#) wrote about Utah's top ranking noting- "each variable is directly influenced by state lawmakers through the legislative process."
3. I also spoke with Leah Murray and Greg Skordas of Utah's [KSL Tonight](#) about Utah's economic successes, and number one

ranking.



Since 2011, North Carolina has made a tremendous climb from 26th to 2nd in Economic Outlook. I spoke with Sarah Gray Barr of North Carolina's [WNCT 9](#) about the Tarheel State's success.

I also spoke with Pete Kaliner of [WBT](#) in Charlotte about all the great things that have made North Carolina more competitive over the past decade.



Mississippi Improves 5 Spots in New Rich States, Poor States

The Magnolia Tribune recently highlighted Mississippi's jump to 22nd place in the new Edition of *Rich States, Poor States* from 27th last year.



New York Leaders Provide Solutions after Empire State Finishes Last for Economic Outlook

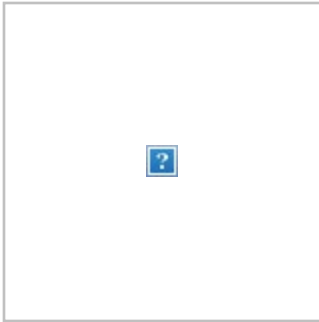
At a recent press conference, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and Assemblyman Matt Slater called for changes including a Taxpayer Bill of Rights and the Taxpayer Transparency Act to improve New York's Economic Outlook.

Why Pennsylvania Finished 35th Overall in Rich States, Poor States

I recently spoke with Lowman Henry of the Lincoln Radio Journal about Pennsylvania's rankings in the latest edition of *Rich States, Poor States*. Though there are a few reasons for optimism, Pennsylvania



continues embracing policies that make it tough on businesses and taxpayers.



The Lars Larson Show

I recently spoke with Lars Larson about the latest edition of ***Rich States, Poor States*** and how state policies can impact economic opportunity and personal freedom.

Map of the Week

2023 Economic Performance

This week's map of the week comes from *Rich States, Poor States*. Economic Performance is a backward-looking measure based on how well a state performed in GDP growth, domestic migration and non-farm employment growth. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Florida achieved the best ranking in the 2023 rankings. Learn more about Economic Performance by visiting RichStatesPoorStates.org.



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Income-Driven Repayment Overhaul

*The Backdoor Student Loan
"Forgiveness" the Media Isn't Talking
About*

*TODAY, May 2, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET*

Even with SCOTUS poised to potentially strike down the Biden administration's blanket student loan cancellation plan, the

A Watchman in the Night

*Cal Thomas' 50 Years Reporting on
America*

*May 8, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ET*

As one of America's most popular syndicated columnists, Cal Thomas offers a living history of our times, of who we were then and who we are now, and of who we might become (for better or

Biden Education Department has proposed a consequential, expensive, and regressive regulation in the Title IV student loan program, “Income Driven Repayment.” Learn why IDR is just as significant as student loan “forgiveness” would be for students, taxpayers, and the future cost of college.

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Saving Medicare

Now and for the Future

May 9, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

The status quo of the Medicare program not only threatens seniors’ continued access to high-quality care, but also guarantees large and growing financial burdens for seniors and taxpayers alike. Join us as experts discuss the future of Medicare in ways that rise above the

Naval Statecraft and Power in the 21st Century

May 16, 2023

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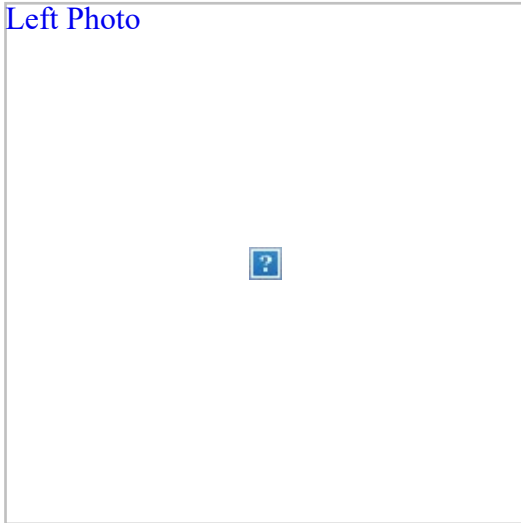
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Keeping the Lights On in America

Looking Ahead at Power Grid Reliability

May 17, 2023

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FERC Commissioner James Danly joins Heritage's Travis Fisher to dig into the details of what we know about power grid reliability, what the impact of electricity policies will be in the near term (particularly the movements to

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decarbonize the grid and “electrify
everything”), and what we can do to
ensure grid reliability for decades to
come.

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End of the Line or a New Birth?

*The Future of Marriage and Family in the
West*

May 24, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Industrialized nations have faced declining marriage and birthrates for decades. What are the implications for Western Civilization if this trend is not reversed? Is there an obligation on federal and state governments to address this problem? Join us for this important conference on policies for strengthening marriage and family.

Midge Decter's Enduring Impact

A Memorial Conference

May 31, 2023

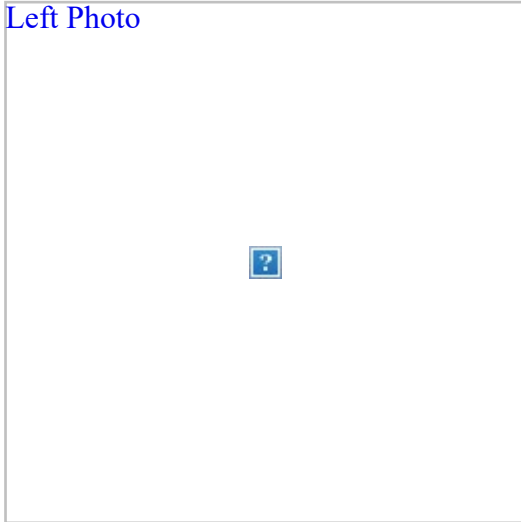
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Midge Decter was an icon of the modern conservative movement, a journalist, an organizer, and an inspiration. Heritage is delighted to bring together leading conservative thinkers to celebrate her life, explore her legacy, and discuss the continuing relevancy of her thought and work to today's challenges.

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Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative

40 Years Later

TOMORROW, March 23, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

Forty years ago on March 23, President Ronald Reagan announced to the world his plans to develop a missile defense system that would make Soviet ballistic missiles "impotent and obsolete," yet in the years since his Strategic Defense Initiative, plans for a comprehensive

The District of Disorder

Crime and the District of Columbia

TOMORROW, March 23, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET

The crime problem in our nation's capital seems to grow worse by the day. Senator Bill Hagerty, former U.S. Attorney for D.C. Jessie Liu, and Chairman of the D.C. Police Union Gregg Pemberton discuss what can be done to stop the radical rise in crime in the District—and around the country.

homeland missile defense system have deteriorated. Join us as we discuss options for the future of U.S. missile defense.

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The Ticking Clock on TikTok

How to Protect Our Kids Online

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5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. ET

On March 23, the day TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew testifies before Congress, join us to learn how parents can protect their children from internet threats and what U.S. policymakers must do to prevent spying from the Chinese Communist Party and to save America's most vulnerable.

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Winning the New Cold War

A Plan for Countering China

March 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ET

The Chinese Communist Party is the most persistent and consequential threat facing the American people today. Senator Marco Rubio joins Heritage for the launch of its most comprehensive set of policy recommendations for how America should respond to the threat from Communist China.

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The U.S. Coast Guard

*Opportunities and Challenges to
Enhancing Maritime Security*

March 28, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ET

The U.S. Coast Guard is a vital and unique instrument of national power, protecting American lives and interests in the maritime domain. Hear from Admiral Steven D. Poulin, Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, about both the opportunities and challenges facing the Service and how it can effectively protect America's maritime interests and promote maritime governance across the globe.

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Restoring the Military's Focus on Warfighting

March 30, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET

The National Independent Panel on Military Service and Readiness was formed in October 2022 and tasked with identifying policies or practices in the Defense Department that reduce military readiness and recommending remedies.

Join us as the panel's chairman, Congressman Mike Waltz, and panel members release their final report and recommendations.

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The 2023 Margaret Thatcher Freedom Lecture

Featuring Liz Truss

April 12, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ET

Former British Prime Minister Liz Truss delivers the 2023 Margaret Thatcher Freedom lecture honoring the principles, ideals, vision, and legacy of Lady Thatcher.

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Sex and the Market

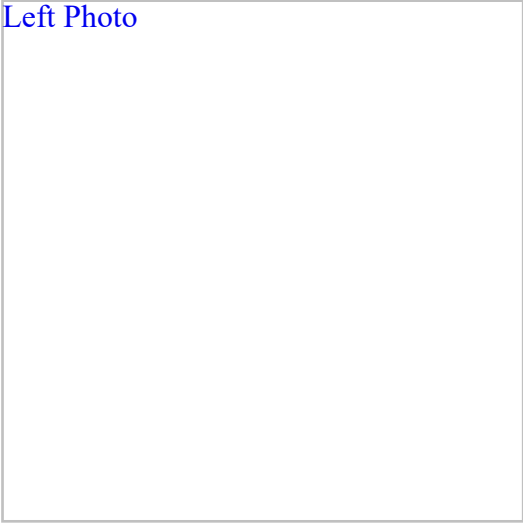
April 25, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

What does it mean to be a woman today, as the meaning of sex and market preferences rapidly shift with each new technological development? Mary Harrington and Erika Bachiochi join Heritage's Delano Squires to discuss this question and more.

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American Energy for Prosperity

TODAY, October 4, 2023

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. ET

During Energy Appreciation Week, join The Heritage Foundation and Independent Women's Forum to discuss the importance of American energy with Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Mandy Gunasekara, director of IWF's Center for Energy and Conservation, and Heritage's Diana Furchtgott-Roth.

The Trump Indictments

Is the Justice System Rigged?

Friday, October 6, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

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Why Are Boys Falling Behind?

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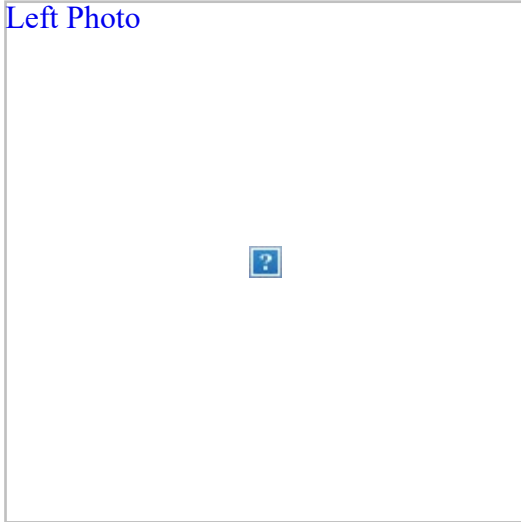
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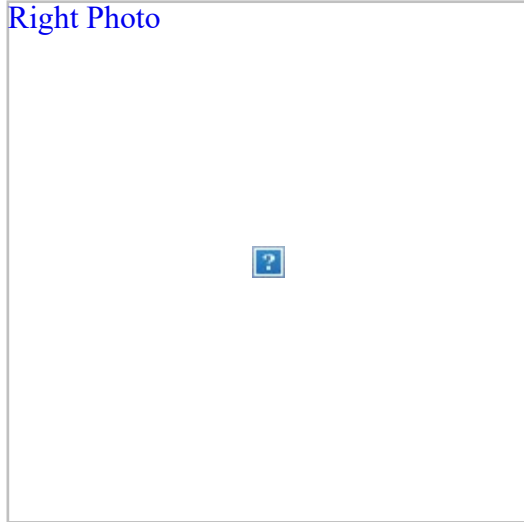
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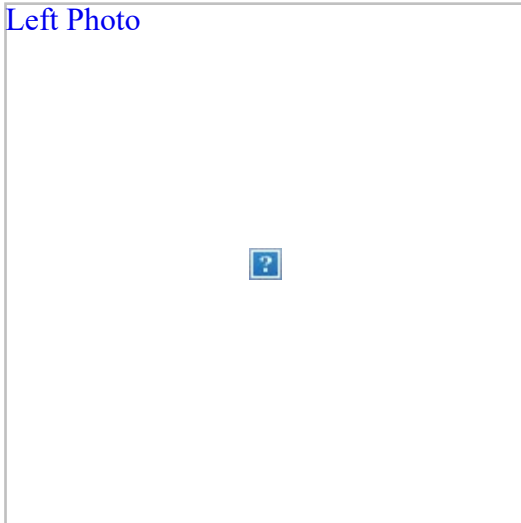
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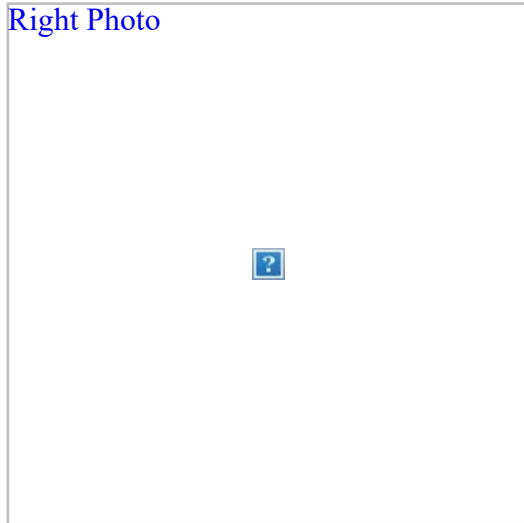
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JP De Gance, president of Communio, joins Heritage's Delano Squires and Jay Richards to talk about how the collapse in marriage and the resulting decline in resident fatherhood may offer the best explanation for the decline of Christianity in the U.S.

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How Classical Education Can Preserve Our American Freedoms

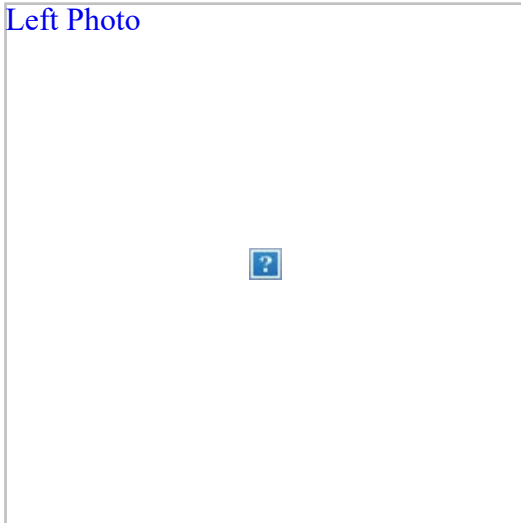
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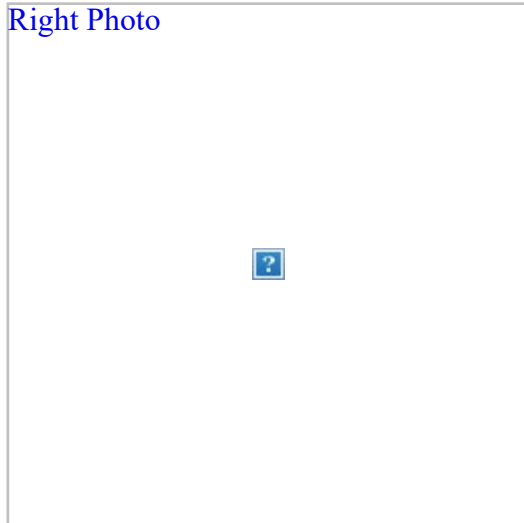
How can we fix the broken American education system? Don't miss this two-part discussion on challenges our children face in the classroom and practical solutions offered through alternatives to the traditional district model of schooling.

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Tenth Annual Salmon P. Chase Distinguished Lecture

*What History and the Historians Have
Gotten Wrong About Salmon Chase*

*Thursday, September 28, 2023
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. ET*

Walter Stahr, bestselling author and historian, joins Heritage and the Georgetown Center for the Constitution for a lecture highlighting Salmon P. Chase. The lecture series commemorates important anniversaries and neglected figures in our constitutional history.

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Abortion Pills

What's Next?

Monday, November 13, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Can Congress prevent the shipment of abortion drugs by mail? May states restrict abortion pills, even though they have been deemed “safe and effective” by the FDA? And how “safe” are abortion pills, really? Join us for a discussion with experts who have the answers to these

Great Christian Jurists in American History

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Holding Federal Public Health Agencies Accountable

Lessons from Covid

*Thursday, November 16, 2023
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Congress needs to reassess the agencies responsible for responding to national health emergencies (CDC, NIH, and FDA), clarify their roles and missions, and retarget funding, enabling them to cope more effectively in a future medical emergency.

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For the Promotion of Learning and Virtue

Moral Education in the University

*Tuesday, November 28, 2023
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. ET*

Why are American colleges and universities failing to instruct their students in virtue, and what can be done about this issue? Kevin Roberts, Kyle Washut, Albert Cheng, and Jay Greene discuss how we can bring our institutions of higher education back in line with their original mission of forming virtuous and educated citizens.

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Future of the U.S.-Israel Alliance at 75

*Monday, October 23, 2023
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET*

The horrific Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7th have placed our scheduled event on the U.S.-Israel alliance into a wholly new and more urgent context. Please join us for a strategic review to chart the path forward.

The 2023 Joseph Story Distinguished Lecture

*Pressure Is a Privilege: Judges, Umpires,
and Ignoring the Booing of the Crowd*

*Wednesday, October 25, 2023
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Judge James C. Ho of the Fifth Circuit will deliver our 16th Joseph Story Distinguished Lecture. Story's greatest contribution to jurisprudence is his renowned Commentaries on the

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Crisis of Masculinity

Why Are Boys Falling Behind?

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Our boys and men are languishing. Join Christina Hoff Sommers, Henry Olsen, and Nancy Pearcey as they consider the nature and consequences of this crisis, as well as solutions to help alleviate the plight of our boys and men. We cannot continue to ignore a crisis so significant—and so unjust—as the boy crisis.

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Midge Decter's Enduring Impact

A Memorial Conference

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The Big Government Car Theft

*June 12, 2023
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Are you ready for the government to take away your car? New proposed regulations from the EPA would require new car sales to be 60% electric by 2030. Steven Bradbury, former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, explains how you can fight back.

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Leading Change in a High-Stakes World

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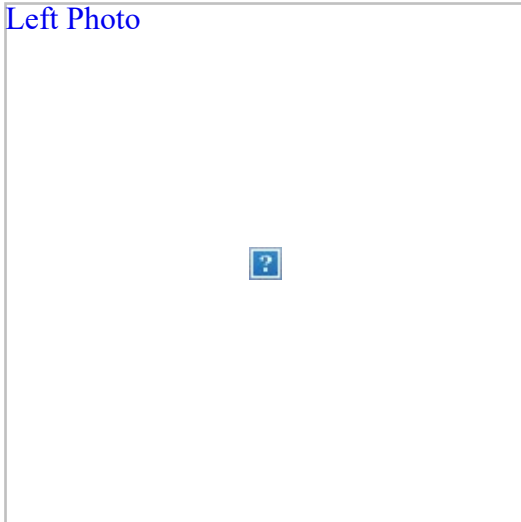
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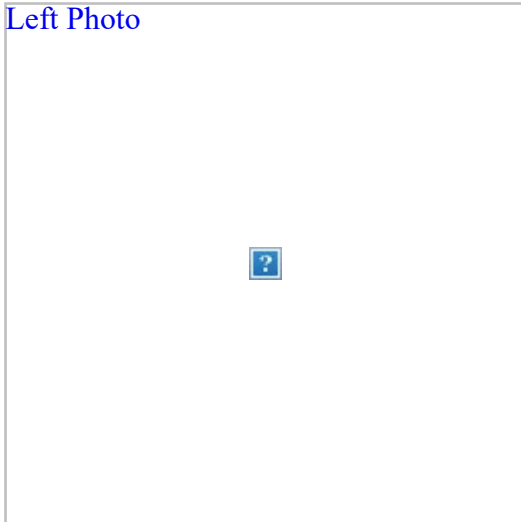
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China's Influence in the Pacific Islands

A Conversation with Daniel Suidani of the Solomon Islands

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Daniel Suidani, former Premier of the Solomon Islands' most populous province, Malaita, has put himself in China's crosshairs by standing firm for democratic principles in the face of Chinese influence. Hear from Suidani himself as he sits down with Heritage's Jeff Smith to discuss China's growing and alarming influence in the region.

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A Watchman in the Night

*Cal Thomas' 50 Years Reporting on
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May 8, 2023

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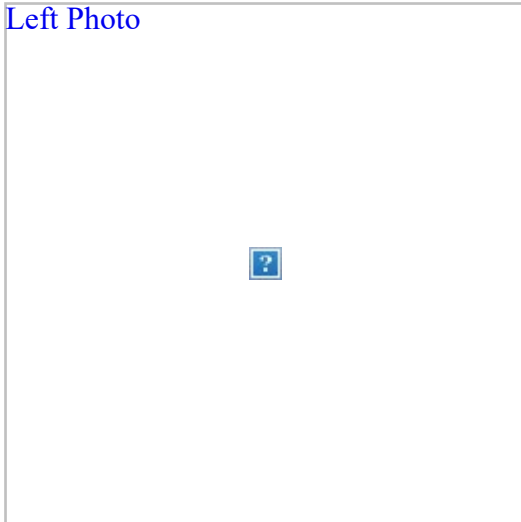
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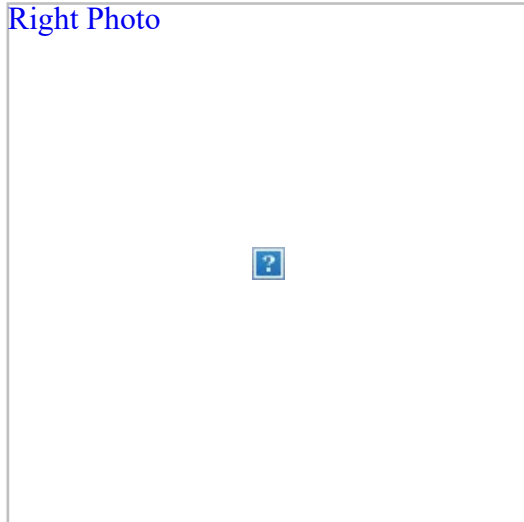
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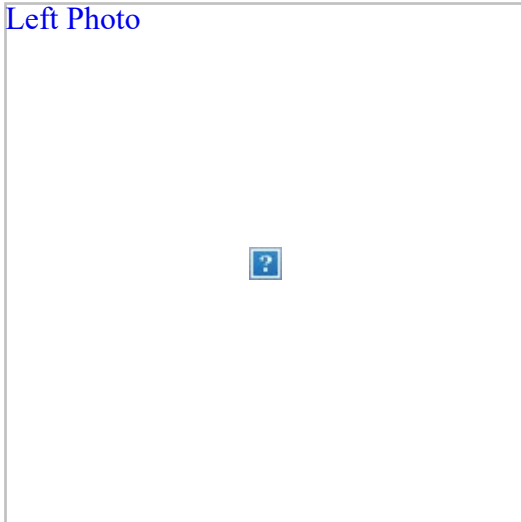
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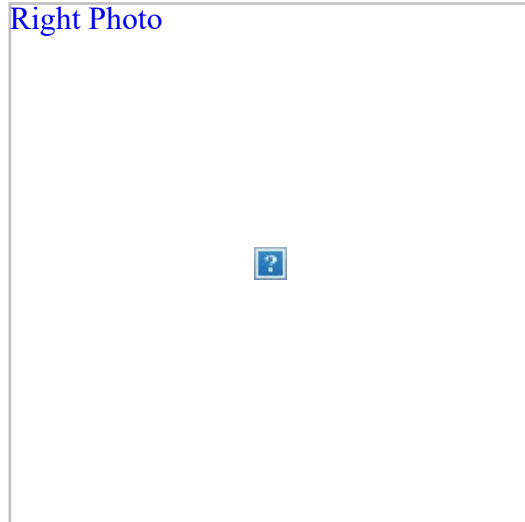
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The 2023 Russell Kirk Lecture Featuring Bishop Robert Barron

March 14, 2023
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET

Heritage is honored to have the Most Reverend Bishop Robert Barron deliver the 2023 Russell Kirk Lecture. Bishop Barron is known for his highly influential Word on Fire ministerial organization and is one of the most followed Catholics on social media.

Edwin Meese III Originalism Lecture

March 21, 2023
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. ET

This annual lecture seeks to honor former Attorney General Ed Meese's legacy of advancing an understanding and jurisprudence of originalism. Professor Kurt Lash, the E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Chair in Law at the University of Richmond School of Law,

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will deliver this year's lecture on
"Originalism and Fixing the Fourteenth
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Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative

40 Years Later

March 23, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

Forty years ago on March 23, President Ronald Reagan announced to the world his plans to develop a missile defense system that would make Soviet ballistic missiles "impotent and obsolete," yet in the years since his Strategic Defense Initiative, plans for a comprehensive homeland missile defense system have deteriorated. Join us as we discuss options for the future of U.S. missile defense.

The District of Disorder

Crime and the District of Columbia

March 23, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET

The crime problem in our nation's capital seems to grow worse by the day. Senator Bill Hagerty, Congressman Andrew Clyde, and former U.S. Attorney for D.C. Jessie Liu discuss what can be done to stop the radical rise in crime in the District—and around the country.

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Restoring the Military's Focus on Warfighting

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Renewing America's Compacts in the Pacific

*A Conversation with Ambassador Joseph
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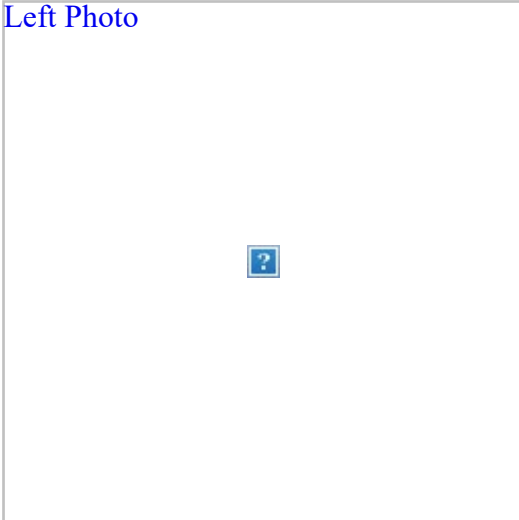
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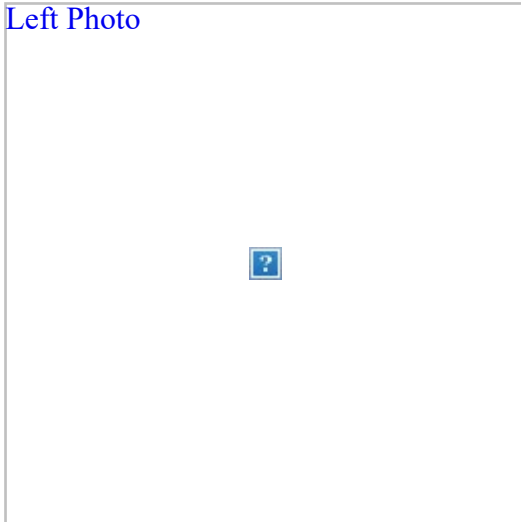
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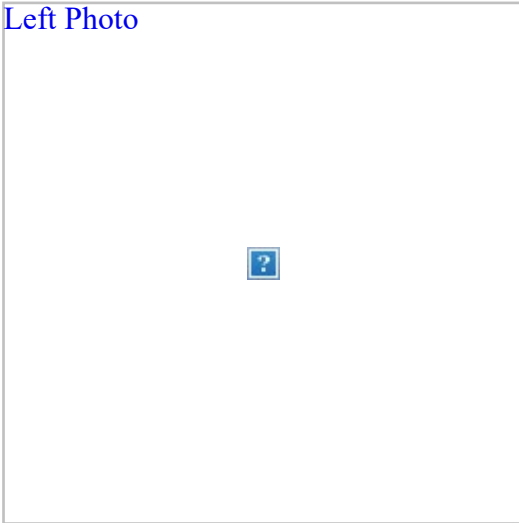
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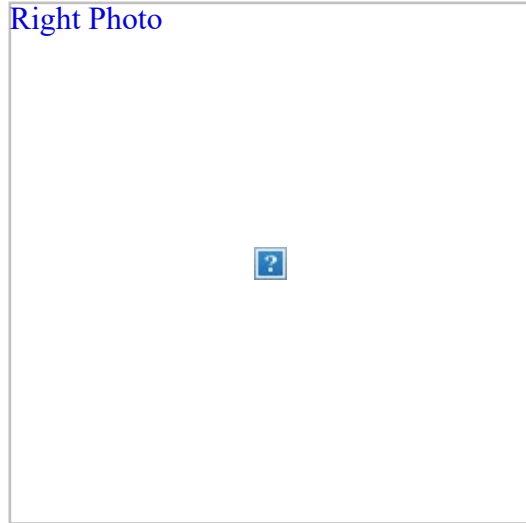
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21st Century Labor Policies to Promote Worker Freedom, Opportunity, and Entrepreneurship

*Friday, September 22, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET*

Join us to hear from three panels of policy experts, workers, and business owners about how pro-worker and pro-entrepreneur labor policies can help

Faith of Our Fathers

Why Has Christianity Been in Decline?

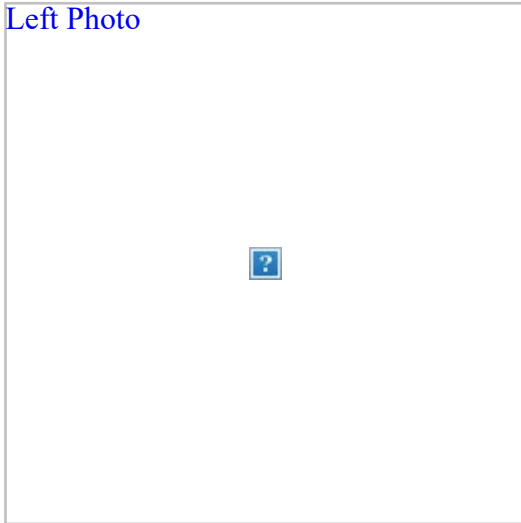
*Monday, September 25, 2023
11:00 – 11:45 a.m. ET*

JP De Gance, president of Communio, joins Heritage's Delano Squires and Jay Richards to talk about how the collapse in marriage and the resulting decline in resident fatherhood may offer the best explanation for the decline of Christianity

workers move onward and upward in the
21st century workforce.

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How Classical Education Can Preserve Our American Freedoms

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
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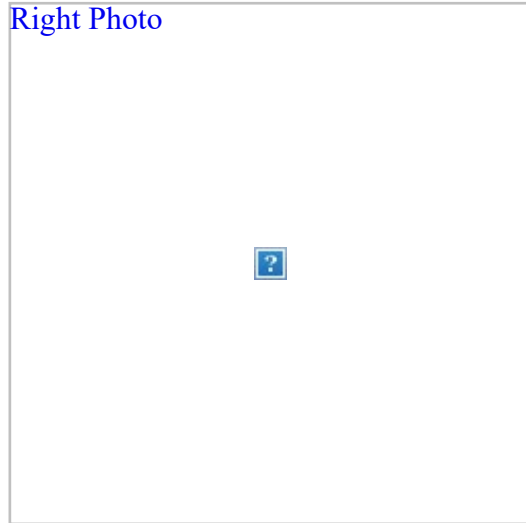
How can we fix the broken American education system? Don't miss this two-part discussion on challenges our children face in the classroom and practical solutions offered through alternatives to the traditional district model of schooling.

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Tenth Annual Salmon P. Chase Distinguished Lecture

*What History and the Historians Have
Gotten Wrong About Salmon Chase*

Thursday, September 28, 2023
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. ET

Walter Stahr, bestselling author and historian, joins Heritage and the Georgetown Center for the Constitution for a lecture highlighting Salmon P. Chase. The lecture series commemorates important anniversaries and neglected figures in our constitutional history.

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The Trump Indictments

Is the Justice System Rigged?

Friday, October 6, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Many have come to believe that the Department of Justice, federal law enforcement agencies, and some state prosecutors are operating a rigged system of justice, and that the Trump indictments are the clearest example of this. Join us as we discuss if the justice system is rigged and what can be done about it if so.

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The 2023 Margaret Thatcher Freedom Lecture

Featuring Liz Truss

April 12, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ET

Former British Prime Minister Liz Truss delivers the 2023 Margaret Thatcher Freedom lecture honoring the principles, ideals, vision, and legacy of Lady Thatcher.

Join us as the panel's chairman,
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Reactionary Feminism

Sex and the Market

April 25, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

What does it mean to be a woman today,
as the meaning of sex and market
preferences rapidly shift with each new
technological development? Mary
Harrington and Erika Bachiochi join
Heritage's Delano Squires to discuss this
question and more.

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Going Nuclear

*The Benefits of Nuclear Regulatory
Reform*

April 26, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

What commonsense regulatory reforms
could help kickstart an American nuclear
renaissance? How can policymakers think
outside-the-box when it comes to nuclear
energy regulations?

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Income-Driven Repayment Overhaul

The Backdoor Student Loan

*"Forgiveness" the Media Isn't Talking
About*

May 2, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Even with SCOTUS poised to potentially strike down the Biden administration's blanket student loan cancellation plan, the

Biden Education Department has proposed a consequential, expensive, and regressive regulation in the Title IV student loan program, "Income Driven Repayment." Learn why IDR is just as significant as student loan "forgiveness" would be for students, taxpayers, and the future cost of college.

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Paraguayan President Santiago Peña on Bolstering Partnerships in the Western Hemisphere

TODAY, October 25, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET

Online Only

Tune in online as President Peña highlights the importance of U.S.-Paraguay relations and discusses our hemisphere's pressing set of challenges, including China, transnational organized

The 2023 Joseph Story Distinguished Lecture

Pressure Is a Privilege: Judges, Umpires, and Ignoring the Booing of the Crowd

TODAY, October 25, 2023

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. ET

Judge James C. Ho of the Fifth Circuit will deliver our 16th Joseph Story Distinguished Lecture. Story's greatest contribution to jurisprudence is his renowned Commentaries on the

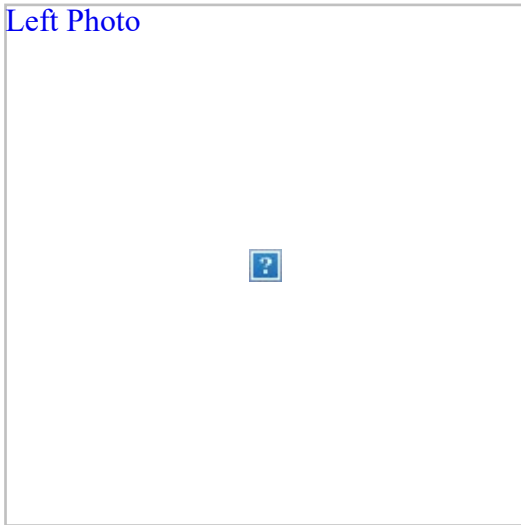
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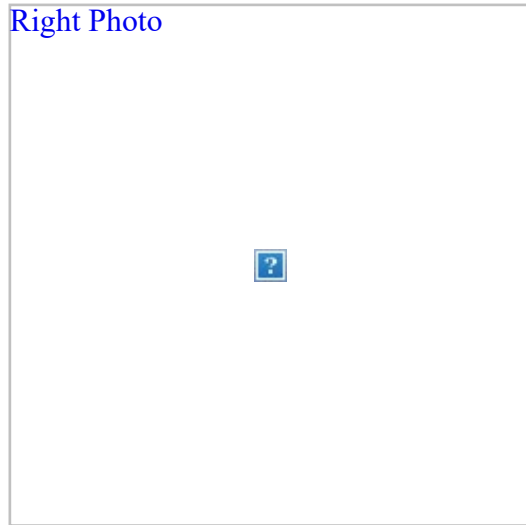
Constitution, in which he set forth a philosophy of judicial restraint. This lecture series celebrates his legacy.

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Speech and Discussion with Gov. Ron DeSantis

*Part of the Mandate for Leadership
Series, presented by Heritage and The
Epoch Times*

*Friday, October 27, 2023
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. ET
Online Only*

Join Heritage and The Epoch Times online as Governor Ron DeSantis delivers a speech on foreign policy followed by a discussion with Heritage President Dr. Kevin Roberts and Epoch Times Senior Editor Jan Jekielek.

Crisis of Masculinity

Why Are Boys Falling Behind?

*Tuesday, October 31, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET*

Our boys and men are languishing. Join Christina Hoff Sommers, Henry Olsen, and Nancy Pearcey as they consider the nature and consequences of this crisis, as well as solutions to help alleviate the plight of our boys and men. We cannot continue to ignore a crisis so significant—and so unjust—as the boy crisis.

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Abortion Pills

What's Next?

Monday, November 13, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Can Congress prevent the shipment of abortion drugs by mail? May states restrict abortion pills, even though they have been deemed “safe and effective” by the FDA? And how “safe” are abortion pills, really? Join us for a discussion with experts who have the answers to these questions and more.

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Great Christian Jurists in American History

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

From the early days of the American Republic to the present, Christian jurists have played pivotal roles in shaping American law, drawing inspiration from their faith. Join Heritage and CIT for a conversation on the intersection of faith, justice, and law in American history.

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Holding Federal Public Health Agencies Accountable

Lessons from Covid

Thursday, November 16, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Congress needs to reassess the agencies responsible for responding to national health emergencies (CDC, NIH, and FDA), clarify their roles and missions, and retarget funding, enabling them to cope more effectively in a future medical emergency.

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The Big Government Car Theft

June 12, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Are you ready for the government to take away your car? New proposed regulations from the EPA would require new car sales to be 60% electric by 2030, compared to fewer than 6% in 2022. Experts joins us to explain how you can fight back.

Leading Change in a High-Stakes World

A Conversation with the Commandant of the Marine Corps

June 13, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

General David H. Berger, the 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps, has led the most significant series of changes within the service since the end of World

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War II. Join us for an extraordinary conversation with Gen. Berger about leading and implementing change in a time of turbulence.

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A New Playbook for Human Dignity with Former NFL Player Ben Watson

June 20, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ET

In the midst of culture wars in America, conservatives must ask the question: How do we build a society that pursues true justice and human flourishing from womb to tomb? Don't miss former NFL player Benjamin Watson as he sits down to discuss this question and more with Heritage President Kevin Roberts.

The People's Justice *Clarence Thomas and the Constitutional Stories that Define Him*

June 21, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. ET

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Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 8:16:29 AM



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The Big Government Car Theft

June 12, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Are you ready for the government to take away your car? New proposed regulations from the EPA would require new car sales to be 60% electric by 2030, compared to fewer than 6% in 2022. Experts joins us to explain how you can fight back.

Leading Change in a High-Stakes World

A Conversation with the Commandant of the Marine Corps

June 13, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

General David H. Berger, the 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps, has led the most significant series of changes within the service since the end of World

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War II. Join us for an extraordinary conversation with Gen. Berger about leading and implementing change in a time of turbulence.

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A New Playbook for Human Dignity with Former NFL Player Ben Watson

June 20, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ET

In the midst of culture wars in America, conservatives must ask the question: How do we build a society that pursues true justice and human flourishing from womb to tomb? Don't miss former NFL player Benjamin Watson as he sits down to discuss this question and more with Heritage President Kevin Roberts.

The People's Justice *Clarence Thomas and the Constitutional Stories that Define Him*

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From: [Lisa Bowen](#)
To: [Heather Covert](#)
Subject: Investing In The Next Generation: ALEC Interns
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 7:53:58 AM



Dear Heather,

The **2023 Fall ALEC Internship Program** starts next month!

Do you know someone who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, or is a recent grad and wants to gain real world work experience? Do they have a strong commitment to Jeffersonian principals? If so, our internship program is a great opportunity to work with state legislators from across the political spectrum in an effort to advance proven, data-driven solutions within the states.

ALEC offers our interns a robust program in one of five areas:

- Events
- Membership and Development
- Policy and Research
- Public Affairs
- Finance and Accounting



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From: [Olivastro, Andrew](#)
Cc: [Walker, Alexa](#)
Subject: Invitation: Heritage Foundation 50th Anniversary celebration
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:01:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Heritage 50th Anniversary invite.pdf](#)

Hello friends, I wanted to make sure you received this invitation from President Kevin Roberts to attend Heritage's 50th Anniversary Leadership Summit and Gala, April 20-21, at the Gaylord National Harbor in Maryland. We would be delighted to have you join us as Heritage marks 50 years fighting for America's founding principles and casts a vision for the future of our great nation. Thank you for all the work you do!

Please RSVP via the link below using the invite code: **50SG**.

Andy Olivastro
Vice President, Outreach
The Heritage Foundation

Dear Friend,

This year, The Heritage Foundation celebrates 50 years of fighting for the American promise. **We would be honored to have you join us as we commemorate this milestone and launch the next exciting chapter for Heritage and for our country, Thursday, April 20 – Friday, April 21, 2023, at the Gaylord National Harbor in Maryland, just outside the nation's capital.** Over these two days, Heritage will host a series of important discussions and celebratory events and we hope you will join us for this once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

During our **daytime programming on Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21**, Heritage will convene current and rising leaders, policymakers, and influencers at the **Leadership Summit** to outline the policy agenda that will rebuild our shining city on a hill and restore self-governance to the American people. Featured speakers include Senators Josh Hawley, J.D. Vance, Mike Lee, and Tim Scott; conservative commentators Mollie Hemingway, Lisa Boothe, Liz Wheeler, and Mollie Hemingway; and more!

The festivities will culminate with an **unforgettable Gala Dinner on Friday, April 21**, that celebrates the promise of America and the courageous American spirit. Through an inspiring program, Heritage will cast a vision for the future and reaffirm our fight to restore self-governance, rebuild institutions, and revitalize our great country. Fox News primetime host **Tucker Carlson** will deliver keynote remarks. You won't want to miss this event!

Registration is now open for the events at Heritage's 50th

Anniversary. Capacity is limited so you'll want to secure your spot soon by visiting heritage50.org to RSVP with the invitation code noted below. For more information, please contact our Special Events team at specialevents@heritage.org or 202-608-1524.

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We are grateful for friends like you who have joined us in upholding the principles that embody the promise of America, and, with your support, we look confidently ahead to the next 50 years. I hope you'll join us in April.

Sincerely,



Kevin D. Roberts, Ph.D.

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From: [Kevin Roberts, The Heritage Foundation](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Join us for Heritage's 50th Anniversary Gala on April 21!
Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 11:04:38 AM

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Dear Friend,

On **Friday, April 21**, The Heritage Foundation will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** and mark a half-century of fighting for our founding principles and advancing conservative policy. To mark this special occasion, we'll gather with friends and allies in National Harbor, Maryland, for an incredible evening that will cast a vision for the future and reaffirm our fight to restore self-governance and rebuild our institutions.

Featuring keynote remarks by Fox News primetime host **Tucker Carlson**, moving performances, and a compelling program, the evening is designed to inspire as we press on in the important work of restoring our shining city on a hill. From the red-carpet reception to the afterglow on the riverfront, the **50th Anniversary Gala** will be unlike any other event.

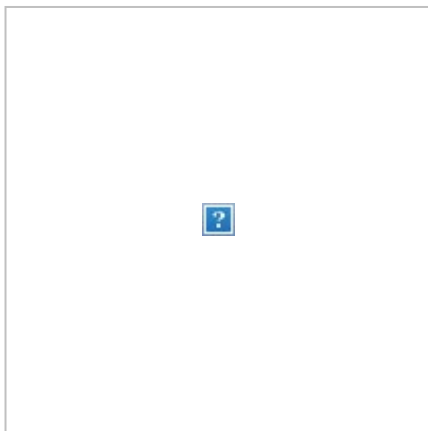
As a friend and partner of Heritage, we hope you will join us for this unforgettable evening! More than 2,000 leaders from across the conservative movement, Heritage supporters, and other special guests are planning to be there. We hope you'll add your name to the list! **Space is limited and filling up fast, so please RSVP today to secure a spot for you and your guest.**

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Sincerely,



Kevin D. Roberts, Ph.D.
President
The Heritage Foundation

P.S. If you're able to join us in April, be sure to **book your room at the Gaylord National Harbor** with our discounted group rate. Visit our **website** for more details.

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Subject: Join Us for the ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala – Tickets Now Available
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 8:22:02 AM

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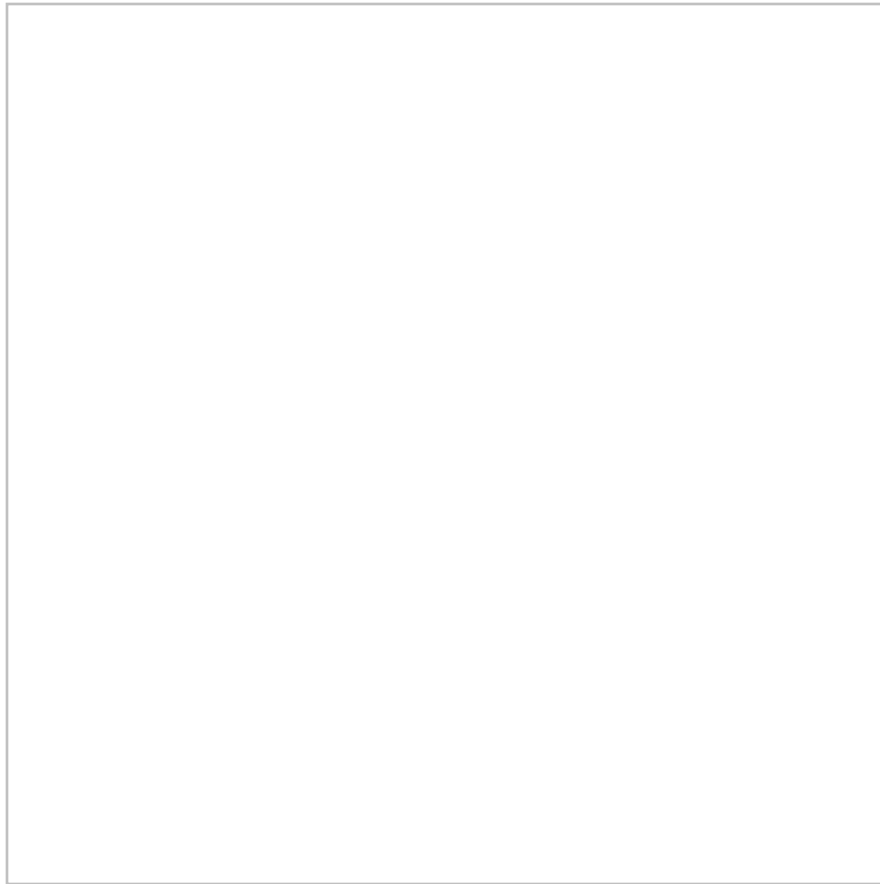
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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Join us to Congratulate the 2023 Award Recipients!
Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:44:55 AM





All registered attendees are invited to kick-off the week by honoring the 2023 ALEC award recipients at our first ever Awards Reception and Dinner at the 2023 Summit Welcome event in Scottsdale, AZ.

If you have not yet registered for the Summit, please click the button below and register now!

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We hope to see you there!



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From: [Jonathan Williams](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Nebraska Slashes Income Tax Rates
Date: Saturday, June 3, 2023 7:08:41 AM





Friends,

Nebraska is the latest state to join the 2023 Tax Cut Movement, marking the third time the Cornhusker State has cut taxes since 2021. Last week, the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature passed substantial cuts to both personal and business income taxes. By 2027, the personal income tax brackets will be consolidated from four brackets to three, and the highest rate will be reduced to 3.99% from the current 6.84%. Nebraskans will also benefit from a new tax rate on business income, which will also be cut to 3.99% from the current 7.25% by 2027. Congratulations to ALEC Nebraska State Chair, Senator Lou Ann Linehan, her colleagues in the Nebraska Senate, and Governor Jim Pillen for all of the hard work to achieve this historic tax relief.

I had the opportunity to be in Nebraska last week, where I held an issue briefing with lawmakers and legislative staff, discussing how the Cornhusker State's [rank](#) in [Rich States, Poor States](#) can be improved. Thank you to the Platte Institute and Americans for Prosperity – Nebraska for hosting me!

As always, please keep in touch, and let me know whenever we can be helpful to you.

All the best,



Map of the Week

Personal Income Tax (PIT) Changes Enacted, 2021-2023

This week's map of the week shows states that have enacted changes to their personal income tax (PIT) since 2021. Notably, seven states – Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana, Utah, Arkansas, North Dakota, and now Nebraska – have already reduced personal income taxes in 2023. With the addition of West Virginia in March and North Dakota in April, the total number of states cutting taxes on personal income since 2021

is now at 21, with several of these states cutting taxes multiple times during that period.



ALEC Commentary



How to Make State Policies Competitive on Nebraskanomics

In the leadup to the passage of Nebraska's tax cuts, I sat down with Jim Vokal on the Platte Institute's Nebraskanomics podcast to discuss the Cornhusker State's ranking in the latest edition of *Rich States, Poor States* and share some thoughts on what policymakers could do to improve the state's

[Economic Outlook.](#)

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[New State Laws Keeping Politics Out of Pensions](#)

A growing number of the “50 Laboratories of Democracy” are leading the way in keeping politics out of pensions – protecting pension beneficiaries and taxpayers alike. ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Director Nick Stark explains why the Sole Interest Rule – found in the [ALEC model State Government Employee Retirement Protection Act](#) – is the gold standard for pushing back on politically motivated investing.

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[The Latest Threat to the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights](#)

Colorado progressives recently launched another attack on the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), which for over 30 years has been the [gold standard for limiting government growth](#). An upcoming ballot measure in Colorado, masquerading as a tax cut, threatens to allow massive expansion in government spending and severely weaken TABOR.

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[Liability Trap? Harvard Paper on ALEC Model Policy Gets Debunked](#)

In February, the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance [published a paper](#) titled “The Liability Trap,” claiming that ALEC model policy would create a “legal quagmire” for fiduciaries connected with public pensions. However, Steven Gassenberger and Rod Crane of the Reason Foundation's Pension Integrity Project [set the record straight](#). Their commentary thoroughly examined the key assumptions in the paper and pointed out

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the flaws in the analysis.



[New York's Lowest in the Nation Outlook: *Rich States, Poor States* in The Observer](#)

An article in The Observer featured [Rich States, Poor States](#) and explained New York's consistent position at the bottom of the [Economic Outlook](#) ranking.

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[What's Driving This Year's Ambitious Tax Cuts?](#)

2023 has been yet another banner year for state tax cuts. I recently explained why in *Governing Magazine*.

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[High Taxes and Regulation Driving Income from Illinois in The Center Square](#)

I spoke with The Center Square about the historic amount of Income leaving Illinois in recent years due to burdensome regulations and high taxes. Illinois is a prime example of why Americans vote with their feet in favor of lower taxes and free market policies.

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To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Only Hours Left!
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 7:44:32 AM

Warren,

Do you have your 50th Anniversary Gala Ticket? If not, what are you waiting for?

Tickets are almost sold out, secure your seat before they're gone. [Ticket sales end today!](#)



[Ticket sales](#) end today at 11:59 PM EST and will not be sold at the door. Black Tie Optional.



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To: [Warren Petersen](#)
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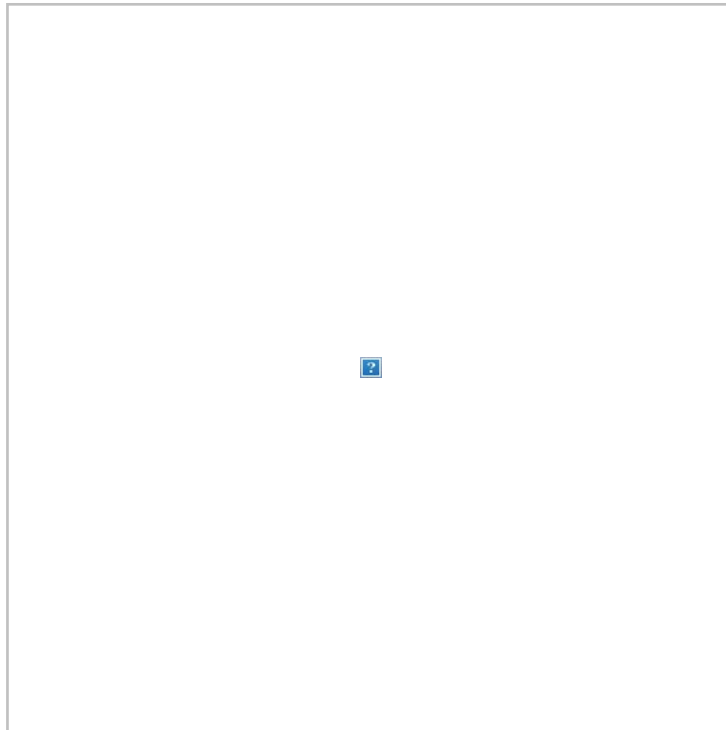


Dear Warren,

It was another great month here at the home of limited government, free markets, and federalism.

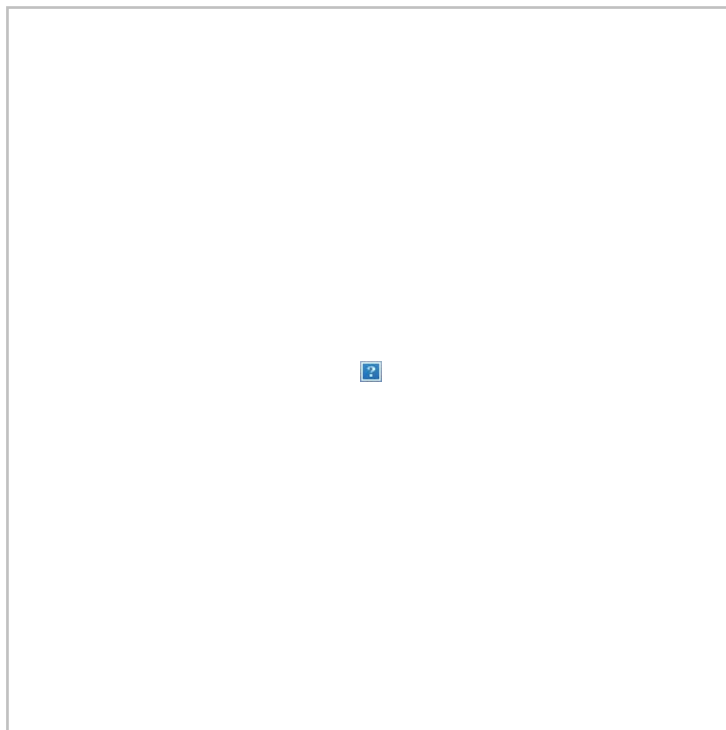
Not only were we recognized by the New York Times as a "key incubator of conservative state legislation," but we continued to provide trusted policy solutions with the release of two new 50-state rankings and held our 50th Anniversary Gala at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC.

With nationally syndicated radio show host Hugh Hewitt serving as master of ceremonies, the day began with in-depth discussions during our Policy Day on Capitol Hill and ended with rousing celebration of freedom at our gala. Led by our 2023 ALEC National Chairman, Speaker-Designate Daniel Perez of Florida, the evening included a special message from ALEC founding member, Ambassador Terry Branstad and keynotes from U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts of Nebraska and Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears of Virginia. Each shared their stories of ALEC past, present, and future as we move ever closer to fulfilling the promise of a more prosperous America with the states leading the way.



(10 Past American Legislative Exchange Council National Chairs)

Looking to the future, we unveiled our prestigious 50 Under 50 list of up-and-coming state legislators and were privileged to be joined by them in Washington to commemorate five decades of ALEC. Under the guidance of these young leaders from across the country, I'm more optimistic than ever about what lies ahead for our organization and our nation.

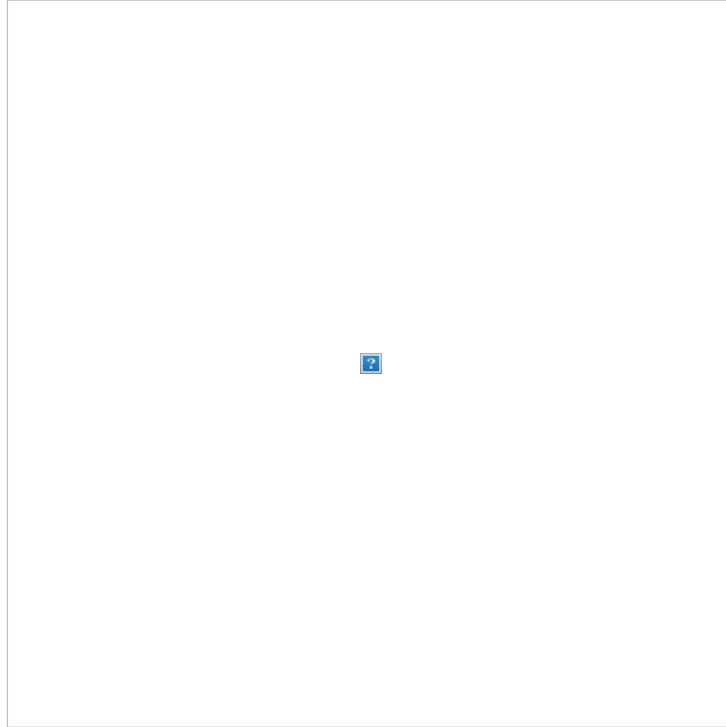


(Utah State Representative Candice Pierucci with Utah State Senate President Stuart Adams & State Representative Karianne Lisonbee)

But that was just the icing on the cake. Last month, we released two groundbreaking reports highlighting [the levels of education freedom](#) and [unfunded public pension liabilities](#) per state.

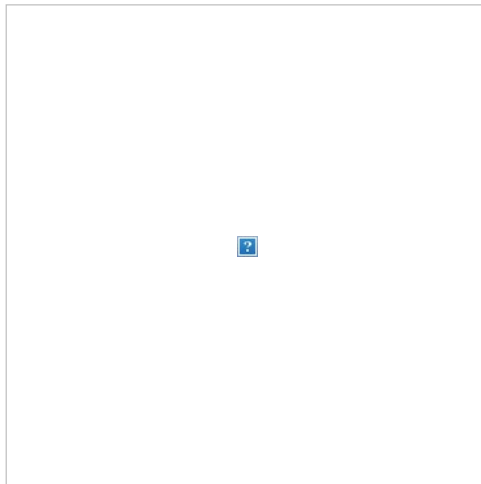
When it comes to empowering parents with education freedom, Florida led the way with top marks thanks to their financing programs, virtual schooling and opening enrollment policies - an accomplishment [Governor Ron DeSantis was happy to share](#)

[with reporters](#) while out in California.



"Just today, Florida got ranked #1 for education freedom by the American Legislative Exchange Council..."

Understanding our pension crisis is difficult, but thankfully our new report charts a path for legislators to permanently fix this growing problem on behalf of retirees and taxpayers. It also highlights the importance of [ALEC's model policy](#) to keep politically driven investment strategies out of state pension funds.



For those of you who made the trip to Washington, DC last week, we thank you for sharing in our celebration. And for those of you who couldn't make it, I know you were with us in spirit. It was a wonderful reminder of the Jeffersonian principles upon which we were founded and will lead us through another 50 years of ALEC success. But fear not, for there is still time to network and learn as we prepare for our [States and Nation Policy Summit](#) this November in Scottsdale, Arizona. We can't wait to see you there.

Best,



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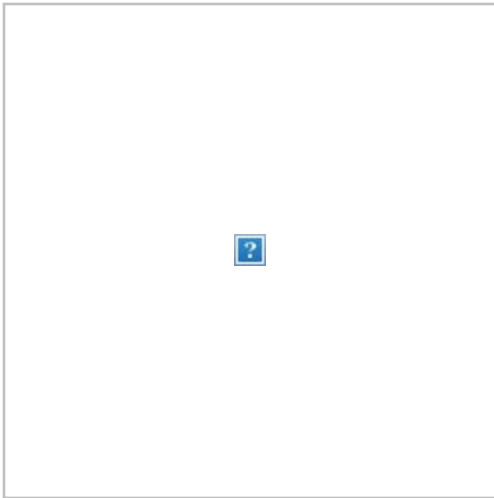


Dear ALEC members and friends,

Like you, I get more in my email than I have time to read.

Like you, I have to be selective about what gets my attention. That's why I wanted to commend to you the [daily Committee to Unleash Prosperity Hotline](#). It's written by a talented group of people led by our partner on many issues, Steve Moore who, in a short and concise manner, tells me the things I need to know about things I want to know about.

You know Steve and committee



co-founders Steve Forbes and Dr. Arthur Laffer. So when I tell you the *Hotline* covers everything from the real story about inflation to what's going on in the states that's driving the free market movement closer and closer to victory on key issues, you can believe me.

And they do it every day, free of charge. I'd like you to consider subscribing.

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Here's a link to a [receive](#) the March 23rd issue featuring ALEC. If you like what you read, [sign up](#).

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Subject: RE: ALEC in Scottsdale
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023 6:03:12 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning, Heather!

Our 2023 States and Nations Policy Summit will be held from November 28-30 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Best,
Annelise

From: Heather Covert <HCovert@azleg.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 5:54 PM
To: Holly Barber <hbarber@alec.org>; Annelise Coffin <acoffin@alec.org>
Subject: FW: ALEC in Scottsdale

Hi Holly and Annelise,

Please see below, thank you!

Have a blessed day,



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From: Heather Covert
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 2:50 PM
To: Courtney Cook <ccook@alec.org>
Subject: ALEC in Scottsdale

Good afternoon Courtney,

I was wondering if you would provide me the details for ALEC in November? I would like to get the President's calendar updated. Thank you!

Have a blessed day,



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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Ready to Add Your Name to The List?
Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 8:57:50 AM

Gala Ticket Sales Ending Wednesday- Reserve your Seat Today!



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Subject: Register Now: It's Not Too Late!
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 6:10:29 AM



Dear Warren,

Please [join us in Orlando](#) July 26- 28, to strategize with America's top state policymakers and grow your knowledge of limited government solutions.

There is no shortage of policy topics for this meeting, and we will be celebrating the unprecedented success across the country this year on education and fiscal reform and ESG in addition to many other issues.

Agenda Topics to Include:

- Online Safety for Teens
- Broadband Expansion
- Artificial Intelligence
- Human Trafficking

[Register Now](#)

Once you register you will receive a link for special pricing on hotel rooms. Be sure to secure your room before the deadline! Our housing block

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ends June 28, or when availability runs out.

As a reminder, to receive information on our VIRTUAL subcommittee meetings, you must be registered by Friday, July 14. The subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from July 18th - 21st.

The full meeting agenda is [here](#).

Meeting Agenda



You won't want to miss this year's Welcome Reception at Universal Studios Citywalk, minutes away from the hotel, and [after hours access into Universal Studios](#).

Want to find more to do while you're at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting? Click [here](#) and explore the possibilities!

Visit Orlando



Travel accommodations are made cheaper thanks to our partnership with Southwest Airlines. You can use the steps below to save on airfare!

1. Visit the Southwest Business website [here](#).
2. Enter the ALEC Company ID: **99133580** to qualify for eligible discounted rates.
3. Prior to clicking "Continue", be sure to click the arrow under the Company ID to enter your Rapid Rewards Account Information.
4. Once you click "Continue", you will begin making your travel plans.

We hope these amenities and discounts make it easy and enjoyable for you to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting – and equip yourself for success as a policy champion.

Have questions? Contact the ALEC Meetings Team at meetings@alec.org.

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To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Registration now open - States and Nation Policy Summit!
Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:42:57 PM



Hugh Hewitt interviews Lisa B. Nelson



"As legislators are getting focused and getting ready for 2024, we're working with them to make sure they're prepared."

That was the message that ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson shared earlier today on The Hugh Hewitt Show. ALEC continues to fight for greater transparency and innovation at the state level.

Watch Now

Registration is now OPEN!

ALEC SNPS 2023



Registration for the ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit is NOW OPEN! We are looking forward to joining together with friends from across the country to plan and discuss the critical issues facing the states and nation. We will host this year's meeting at The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona from November 28th - 30th.

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ALEC Policy Solutions in The Wall Street Journal



Brooklyn Roberts, senior director of the Health and Human Services Task Force and Thomas Savidge, research director at ALEC's Center for State Fiscal Reform recently co-authored an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal highlighting budget problems states could face after Fitch Ratings lowered the federal government's credit rating from AAA to AA+.

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ALEC's Pursuit of Education Freedom

ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala



We continue to celebrate ALEC's 50th anniversary, and have released the **final video** in **our series** highlighting the importance of the issues in the states. This video focuses on the importance of education freedom in order to empower parents with the opportunity to make sure their children are in a classroom environment that serves them best.

Today the movement to expand school choice has never been bigger, and ALEC members are on the front lines fighting to bring opportunity to every student

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ALEC Commentary



The Truth about Education Savings Accounts in Florida

A recent article in the Tampa Bay Times took aim at Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida's education savings account (ESA) program – but completely missed the mark. The author of the story reviewed a purchasing guide from Step Up for Students (the nonprofit organization that administers Florida's ESA) and wrote that funds could potentially be spent by families on 55" TVs, theme parks, and other expenses. The implication is that such expenses could be a waste of taxpayer money. But the reporter didn't tell the whole story – not even close. [**Read more.**](#)



Reentry Reform is Sweeping the States

2023 has been an extremely active year on the criminal justice reform landscape, particularly with respect to recidivism reduction. Several successful efforts have made their way through the states, including legislation consistent with the ALEC Model Act To Prepare Inmates For Re-Entry And The Workforce, which was inspired by Oklahoma House Bill 1679 — the “Sarah Stitt Act.” [**Read more.**](#)



State Legislator of the Month, August 2023: Utah Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

We are honored to shine a spotlight on a legislator whose dedication to the principles of limited government, free markets and federalism has made a substantial impact on Utah. The August State Legislator of the Month award proudly goes to Representative Karianne Lisonbee. She serves as the Utah Majority Assistant Whip and is an ALEC Public Sector State Chair. [**Read more.**](#)

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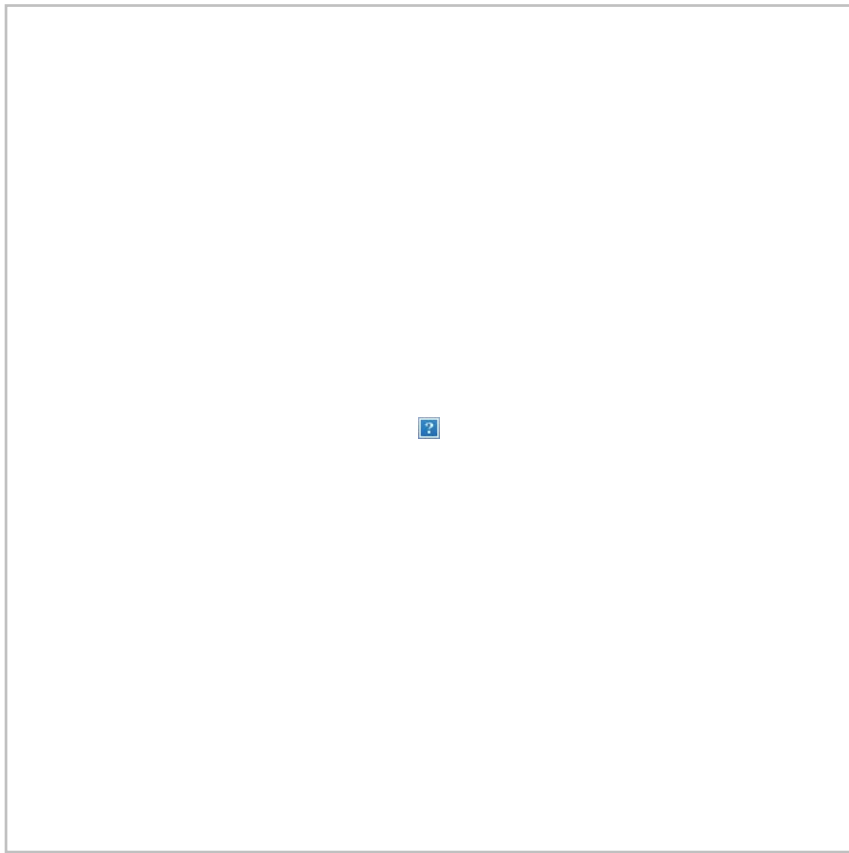
From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Special Invitation: ALEC State Leadership Dinner
Date: Friday, June 16, 2023 1:41:59 PM



Dear Sen. Petersen,

We are pleased to invite you and your spouse to our 2nd annual [ALEC State Leadership Dinner](#) on **Wednesday, July 26**.

This exclusive event will gather legislative leaders from across the country to develop relationships and discuss relevant policy issues with like-minded leaders. All participants serve in state leadership which adds to the exclusivity of this event. The dinner is sure to be memorable, and the after-dinner program will be both insightful and relevant to your leadership role.



[Register Now](#)

Please RSVP using the link above before **July 14th**. I hope to see you there!

For program questions, contact:
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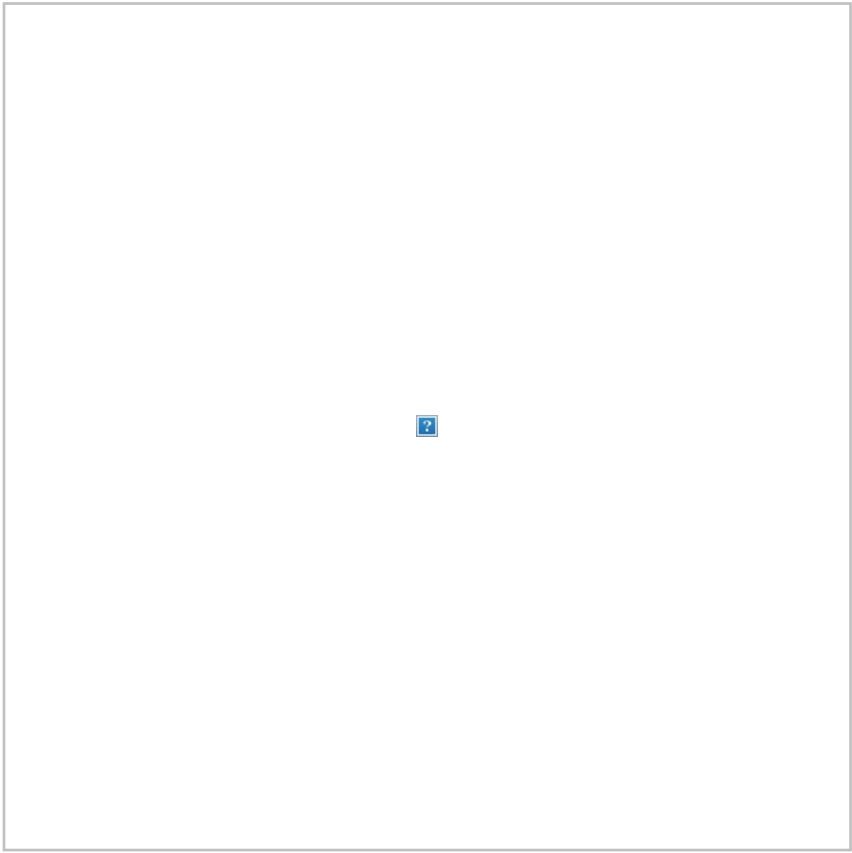


Dear Sen. Petersen,

The 2nd Annual ALEC State Leadership Dinner is just a few weeks away, and we hope you and your spouse plan to join us for this important event. The dinner will be held directly following the ALEC Florida Welcome Reception on July 26th in Orlando, Florida. We already have RSVPs from legislative leaders across the country, and we hope that you will be able to join us as we build relationships and discuss solutions to issues that affect your state and constituents!

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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Heather Covert](#)
Subject: States and Nation Policy Summit Updated Information
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 12:10:39 PM



Dear Heather,

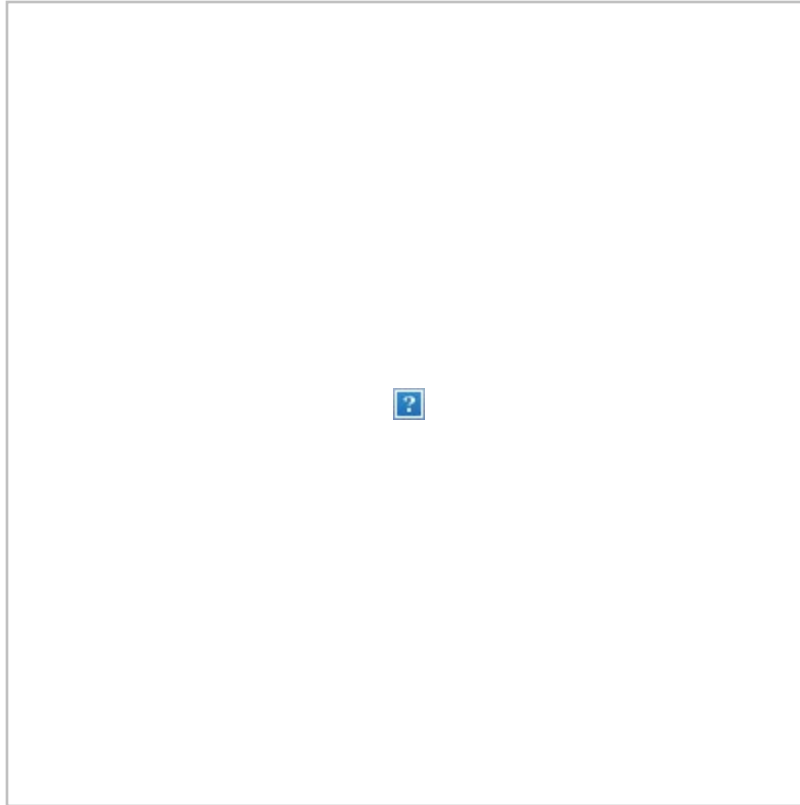
Dreaming of warm sunny days? Why not join ALEC in sunny Arizona for the [2023 States & Nation Policy Summit](#)? This year we are kicking off our Summit with a golf tournament at the Westin Kierland Golf Club. Please note, space is limited and only available to registered Summit attendees. You must pre-register for the event. Email Alex Hinson at AHinson@alec.org for more information. Will you be the champion?

ALEC will honor its 2023 award recipients at this year's States & Nation Policy Summit Jefferson Dinner and Awards Celebration on Tuesday,

November 28 from 5:45 - 8:30 PM.

Heather, ready to secure your seat and join us in Arizona?

Hurry! Time is running out to register at the early bird rate.



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During the event, you'll collaborate with state policymakers on solutions for the most pressing issues facing America, including:

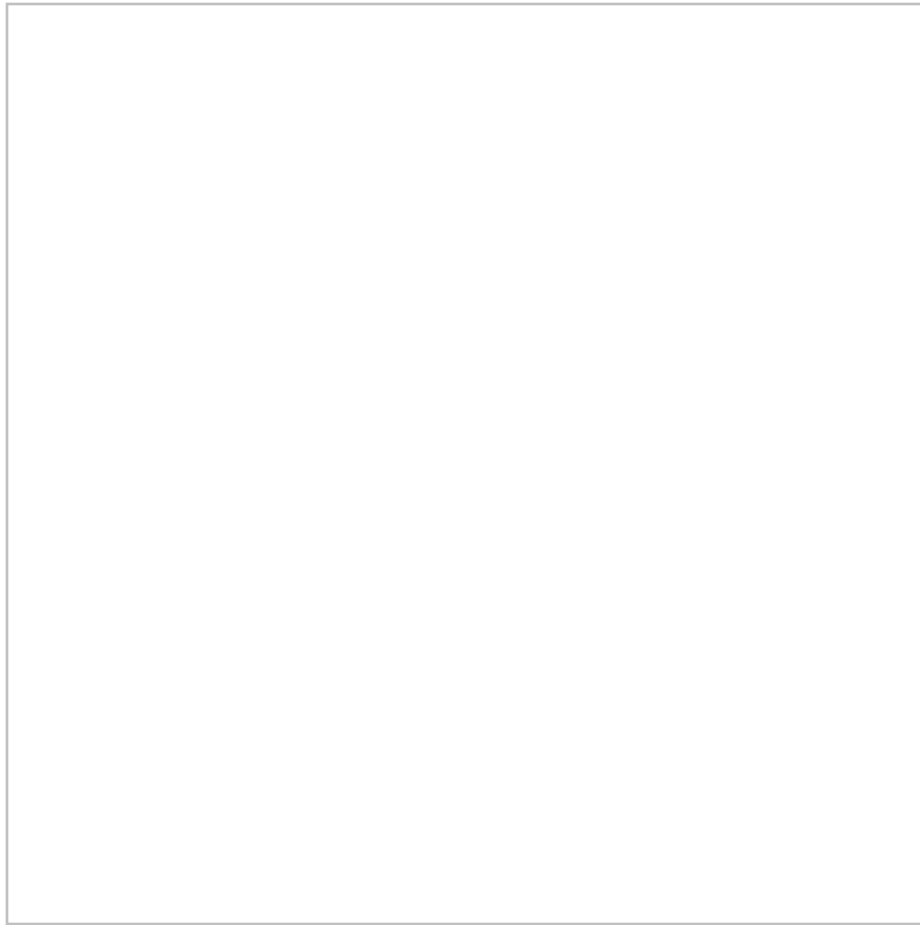
- **Online Safety for Minors**
- **Affordable Housing and Zoning**
- **School Safety and Security**
- **ESG**

And with dozens of other breakout events, you'll build a network that will position you for success in the future.



What are you waiting for, register now!

Register Now



Upcoming Deadlines

- November 1: Early Bird Registration deadline
- November 2: Standard Registration begins
- Attendees MUST register by Friday, November 10 to receive information to join the virtual subcommittee meetings.

Task Force Model Policy Information

The 2023 States & Nation Policy Task Force Meeting Agenda's and draft Model Policy information will be posted on [ALEC.Org](https://alec.org) on the 30-day deadline - October 30, as well as emailed to all active task force members.

Summit Agenda

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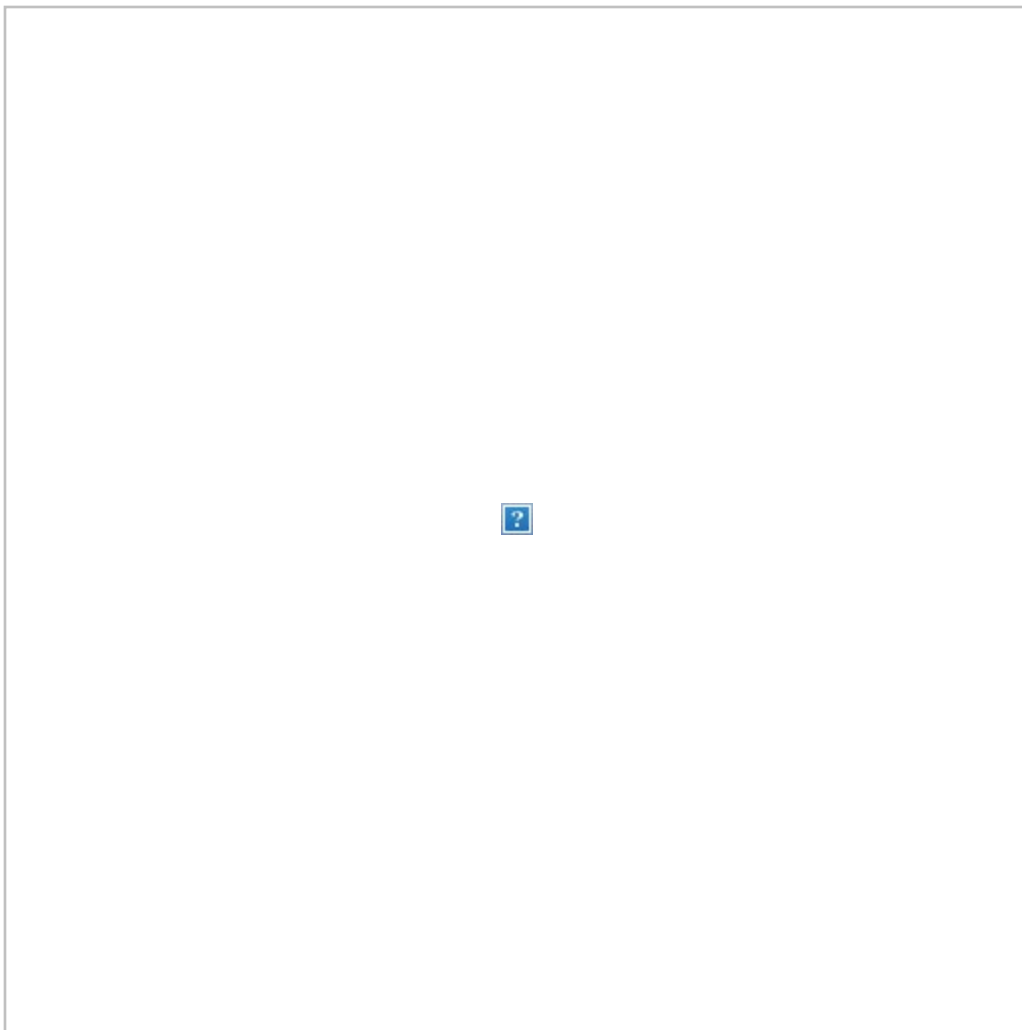
Dear Heather,

The 50th ALEC Annual Meeting will be here before you know it, and our event has something for everyone!

Our Annual Meeting is the premier meeting for policymakers committed to free enterprise and individual liberty. State legislators, elected local officials, and public policy experts gather to discuss and address major state policy issues, participate in interactive and immersive learning experiences, and connect with peers and industry experts from across the states.

Be sure to [check out Kid's Congress](#), which we will host again this year. All children, ages 6 months to 17 years, are welcome to participate. We will have age-oriented

planned activities for them, which will all take place at the on-site center. Children from ages 6 to 17 will have the chance to go off-site to see more of what Orlando has to offer.



[Register Now](#)

[The hotel](#) is also just minutes away from some of Orlando's best theme parks! Use the link below to access discounted tickets to area theme parks and more. Be sure to budget time to take advantage of the best that Orlando has to offer.

[Discounted Opportunities](#)

This year we will host our Annual Meeting Welcome Reception in Universal Studios at the Universal City Walk! Join us on the evening of Wednesday, July 26 as the Florida Host Committee welcomes us to their home state. Plan to dress "theme-park casual" and bring the kids! With the purchase of a ticket, you will be able to take in everything Universal has to offer during their late night park hours following

the reception. An email with additional information on purchasing tickets will be coming soon!

We have partnered with Southwest Airlines to provide you with discounted plane tickets, making the trip even more affordable! Take advantage of this opportunity by following the steps below.

1. Visit the Southwest Business website [here](#).
2. Enter the ALEC Company ID: **99133580** to qualify for eligible discounted rates.
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[Register here](#) to join us in July. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
Vice President of Events

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Other Upcoming Events



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Subject: Sun, Fun, and Freedom at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting ☀
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:39:01 AM



Dear Heather,

Do you want to be a leader in your next legislative session?

Join ALEC in Orlando, Florida, to strategize with America's top state policymakers from July 26 - 28.

You'll build a network of policymakers and industry experts, grow your knowledge of limited government solutions, and expand your influence in your state's legislative process.

Early-bird registration rates end in just three weeks on May 31st.

[Register now before time runs out!](#)



Register Now

During the event, you'll collaborate with state policymakers on solutions for the most pressing issues facing America, including:

- Fostering economic growth
- Education and parental freedom
- Online safety

And with dozens of other breakout events, you'll build a network of problem-solvers in policy and business that will position you for success in the future.

From the Welcome Reception at Universal Studios to the annual [Kids Congress](#), the ALEC Annual Meeting is fit for family fun! The [hotel](#) is minutes away from Orlando's premiere theme parks. Use the link below to access discounted tickets.

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We hope these amenities and discounts make it easy and enjoyable for you to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting – and equip yourself for success as a policy champion.

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Subject: Thank You Sunshine State!
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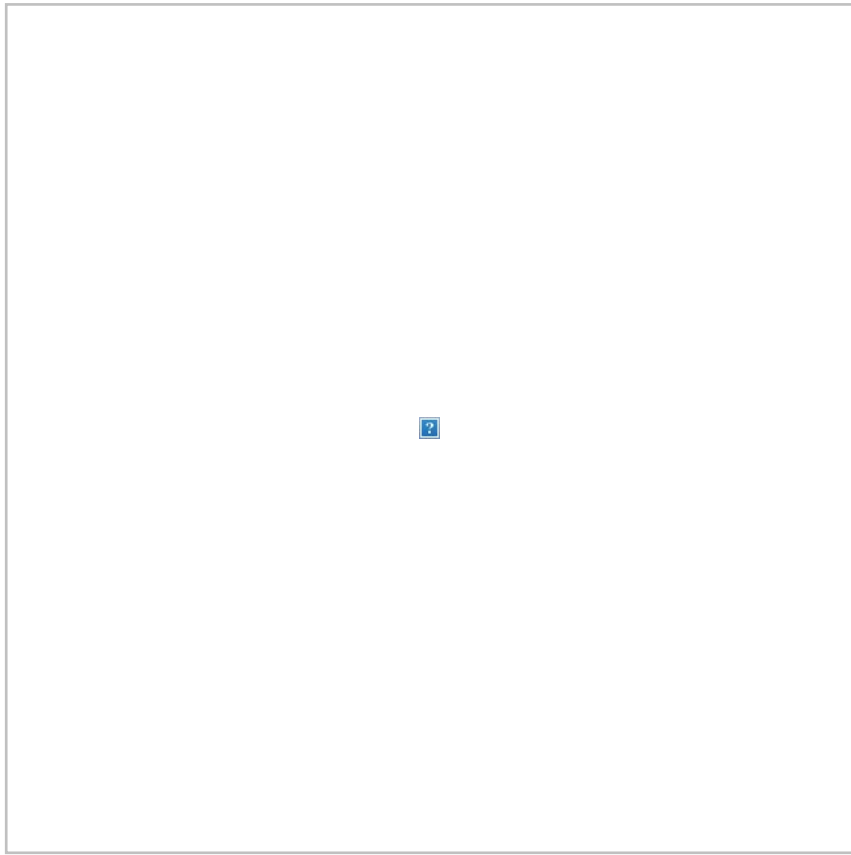


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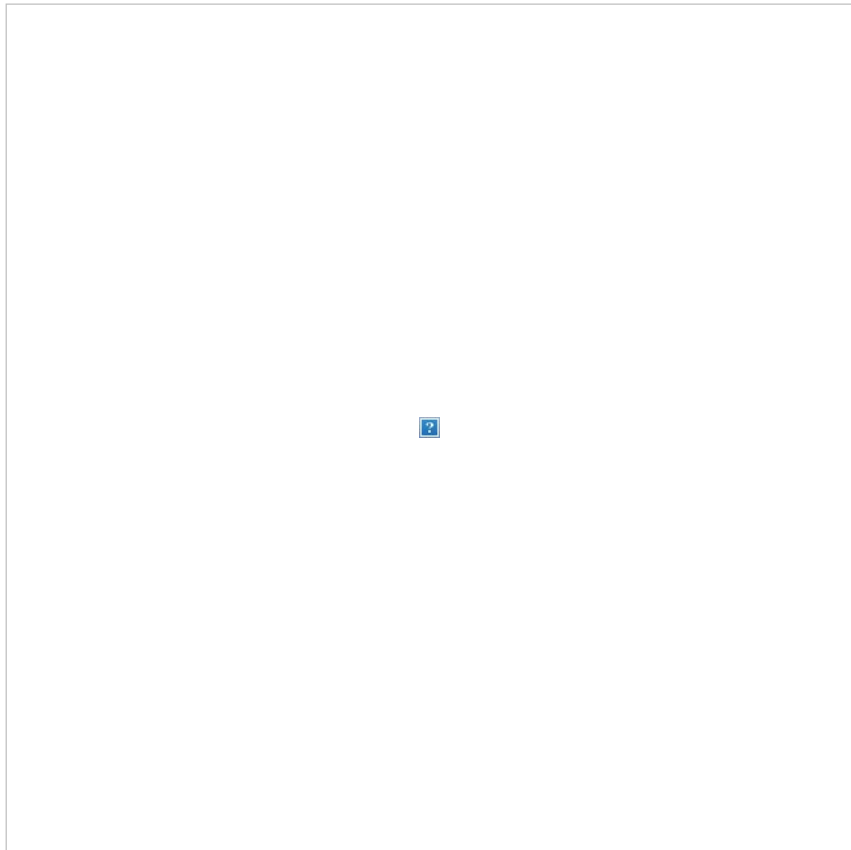
Wow - what a week!

Everyone who made it down to Orlando, FL, for our 50th Annual Meeting were treated to an incredible lineup of speakers and presenters including Governors, Senators, Ambassadors, and more.

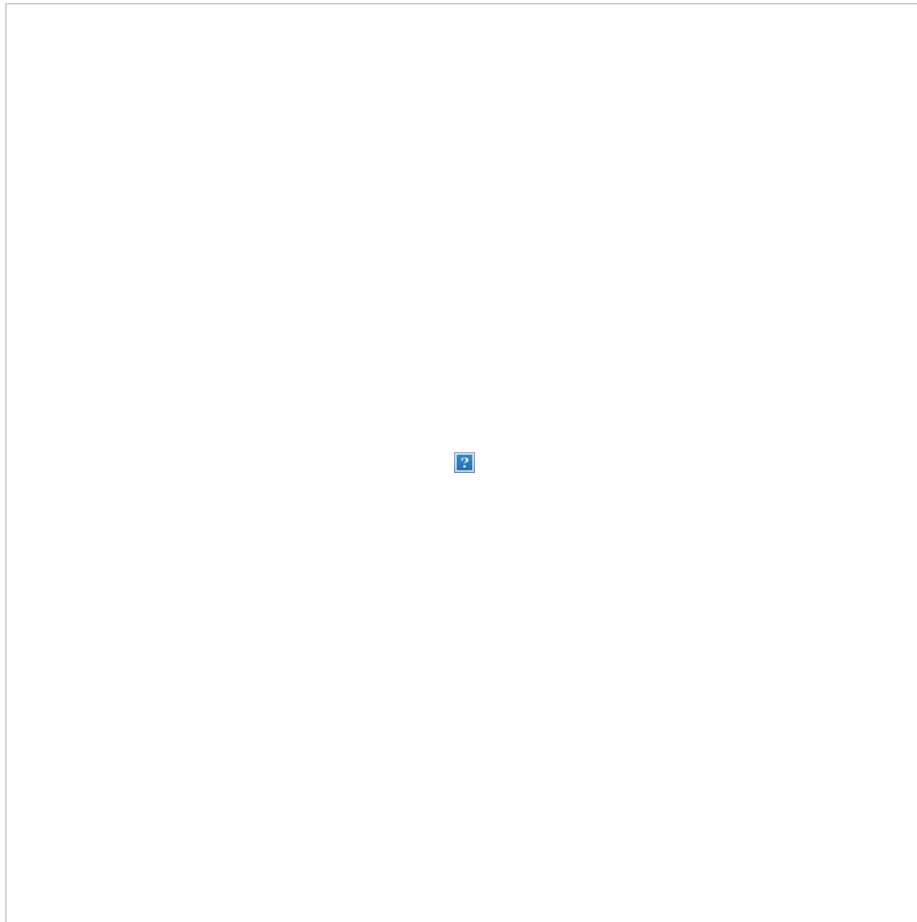
We kicked things off on Wednesday with a welcoming address from [Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis](#).



Thursday morning we were treated to a discussion by Dr. Arthur Laffer & Cathie Wood about [innovation on Wall Street & in America's educational system](#).



Thursday afternoon we focused on education, education, and education with messages from Arkansas [Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders](#), Iowa [Gov. Kim Reynolds](#), and Yass Prize recipients [Rob Blevins](#), [Cris Gulacy-Worrel](#), [Jose Suarez](#), [Kenisha Skaggs](#), and [David Wofford](#).



Friday opened with a prayer from [Dr. Ben Carson](#), a powerful speech on political responsibility from Texas [Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick](#), and a thoughtful panel on proposed changes to the electronic payment systems with [Grover Norquist](#), [Julian Morris](#), and [Steve Rauschenberger](#).

Our conference came to a close Friday afternoon with a message from Florida Senators [Rick Scott](#) & [Marco Rubio](#) and The James Madison Institute's Sal Nuzzo.

This week was a non-stop collaboration of leaders and legislators from both sides of the aisle as we continue to discuss, debate, and defend the principles that make our organization and country great - limited government, free markets, and federalism. There were countless discussions on innovating and regulating artificial intelligence, pushing back against politicized investment strategies, and how to free today's parents and students from the educational industrial complex.

If you made it down to Orlando, great! If not, we missed you! And, you missed a great opportunity to learn about critical issues and grow your network. Please make plans to join us in DC for our October 4th 50th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC. And, at the end of the year, in Scottsdale, AZ for our States and Nation Policy Summit.

Enjoy the last of these summer weeks!



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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Heather Covert](#)
Subject: The Fourth & Federalism
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 6:03:13 AM



Dear Heather,

Independence Day serves as the perfect opportunity each year to remind ourselves of America's founding and the relevance of the idea of federalism from the beginning.

The culmination of our nation's path to independence began on June 7, 1776 when Richard Henry Lee, a Delegate from Virginia to the Continental Congress, offered a motion to draft the declaration on behalf of "free and independent States". Thomas Jefferson was given the task of authoring

the document and completed his work over the next 17 days.

Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence on July 2, with news and celebrations erupting in the states by July 4.

Of course, declaring independence hadn't established any new form of government. That task lay ahead – and the Founders focused the lion's share of their debates on a singular question:

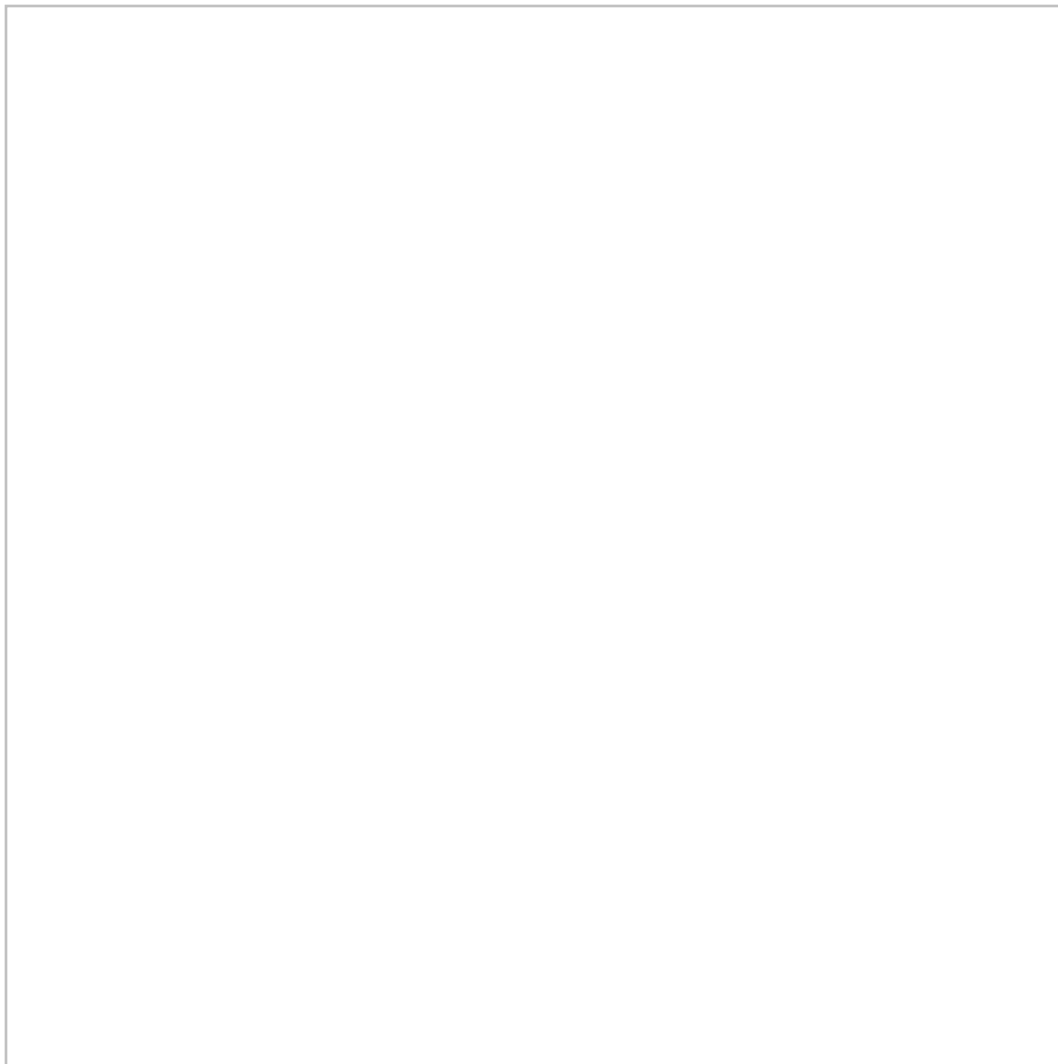
How powerful should the federal government be relative to the power of the states?

Congress ultimately supported Jefferson's view that power should rest with the states and created a federalist system of government that reserves all powers to the states, unless the Constitution prescribed it to the federal government.

As you know, this federalist framework of the Constitution has been tested time and again over the years.

At ALEC, our mission has been to **defend and foster federalism**. We've worked for 50 years to train state legislators and advance limited government policies that align with the Founders vision for a prosperous America.

That is why we are releasing our **next video** in our 50th anniversary series today on this important topic of Federalism.



Under the Biden administration, federalism has been pushed to the brink with 116 executive orders and 590 final rules that seek to diminish the authority of the states.

One simple example is the federal government's control over the way farmers and ranchers operate their businesses. Federal regulations that prevent state decisions on meat processing helped contribute to shortages and rising prices, as much as 8.2% in 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To that end, ALEC's Joe Trotter [testified in front of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee](#) recently, urging Congress to allow states to tailor their approach to help farmers and ranchers thrive.

The authority of states is also under threat at the local level. At an increasing rate, local governments are attempting to address questions that should be left to state legislatures. Worse still, local governments are also finding ways to contravene state law.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming ALEC paper on the Dillon Rule and how it can help solve the problem of runaway governments and restore the rightful authority of state legislatures.

Of course, these efforts to check the powers of federal and local governments work in tandem with ALEC's 50-year track record of advancing sound state policies.

We are taking to the airwaves to share ALEC's message about the importance of states' rights. Tune into the [Hugh Hewitt Show](#) in coming weeks to hear messages from ALEC on his nationally syndicated program.

In recent weeks, state legislators from 20 different states collaborated on tax policy, civil justice, and criminal justice at three separate ALEC policy academies in New York, Oklahoma, and Virginia. They made headway on protecting pensions from politicized investment strategies and shielding property owners from excessive taxation. More than a dozen additional academies are planned over the course of this year.

These policy areas – and more than 30 draft model policies on the most pressing issues – will be on the docket at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting on July 26-28. We will focus on timeless principles such as federalism as well as cutting-edge issues like artificial intelligence and, central bank digital currencies.

If you're not already registered for the [Annual Meeting](#), you'll want to reserve your spot today so you can contribute to these important discussions. We already have a record number of registrations and an exciting lineup of speakers, including several governors from across the country.

As we celebrate Independence Day and prepare for the next 50 years in this mission, I am grateful for these words from Ronald Reagan:

"Now, with a new federalism firmly established, and government refocused on the states, you must carry on our work.

"The achievements of ALEC and the talents of your members convinces me that you are up to the challenge that our new federalism can lead to a new renaissance for America."

Thank you for helping drive the effort to defend and strengthen federalism.

Your friend,

Lisa B. Nelson



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From: [Lisa B. Nelson](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: To find sound policies, look to the states
Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 8:05:28 AM



Dear Warren,

All eyes were on Washington, DC last week as high-stakes negotiations to raise the federal government's debt ceiling took place between the White House and Congress.

In the end, both sides claimed victory, and it showed that by leading on the issues, you can ultimately make an impact. Speaker McCarthy showed that by setting the stage early, you can expect to deliver more conservative policies. This is something I believe our state leaders already understand.

Instead of expecting Washington to lead on reform, we're better off finding success in the laboratories of democracy that are our state capitols across the country.

For instance, in 2016, ALEC published our Getting Politics out of Pensions report, and in 2022, our members approved an ALEC model policy to protect state pension funds from politically driven investment strategies. The model policy requires the Sole Interest Rule be applied to both investment decisions and proxy votes – in other words, *“No politics in pensions!”*

This year, states like Arkansas and Montana have taken up the mantle, enacting their own laws consistent with our model policy that protect pension beneficiaries and taxpayers alike.

You can read more about the Sole Interest Rule - and learn how the same political investment strategies cost CalPERS \$3.5 billion - in this [post](#) by ALEC's Nick Stark.

Our pensions aren't the only concern when it comes to fiscal health. When Congress appropriated trillions to the states in COVID relief funds, the major string attached was, *“No new tax cuts!”*

But the states prevailed, with no fewer than 21 states cutting personal income tax rates since 2021. As we have learned from *Rich States, Poor States*, these types of tax cuts yield the greatest economic growth.

The latest example is Nebraska, where lawmakers just passed significant cuts to both personal and business income taxes reforms. Once fully implemented, the Cornhusker State will not only have lower rates but consolidated income brackets moving closer to a true flat tax.

These policies matter as Americans continue to vote with their feet toward states with lower taxes. In-migration of residents and new business formation are both on the rise in other states like Florida and Tennessee that collect no income tax altogether.

This low-tax approach helps show why the “soak the rich” tactic from too many in Congress is doomed to fail. ALEC-backed tax reforms – which you can read about in Jonathan Williams [interview with Governing Magazine](#) – should serve as a lesson to federal lawmakers considering Biden's proposal to tax middle-class Americans to pay for his enormous agenda.

After all, it's profligate spending like the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" that has ballooned our national debt to \$31 trillion. There are certainly worthwhile cuts included in the Limit, Save, Grow Act, but we need more

of a course reversal than the legislation allows.

The same is true of America's approach to policing and public safety. The prevailing politics in Washington, DC insist on undermining and defunding law enforcement and fail to bring restitution to victims.

Once again it's up to the states to show a better way forward.

The evidence shows that the best way to reduce crime is with a community-centered approach with no tolerance for violence.

The proof is present today in Dallas, Texas. Their two-prong initiative to enforce the law in hotspots of crime and strengthen relationships with neighborhood residents is making headway against decades-long waves of serious crime.

You can read more about this strategy in my recent [opinion with Ja'Ron Smith](#) in the Daily Caller.

We also just released our [fourth video](#) in our 50th Anniversary series, highlighting the broad spectrum of criminal justice reform where state legislators have broken ground, and inspired federal reform. Watch my conversation with Ja'Ron and ALEC Task Force Director, Nino Marchese [here](#).

Nino put it this way:

"Texas became a star spotlight for what conservative criminal justice reform looked like. And it's spread like wildfire from there with states like Georgia and others being pointed to for motivations for federal reforms."



As we continue to celebrate 50 years of trusted policy solutions, I hope you will join us October 4th at our 50th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC. Our Gala will be a celebration of where we have been, but also where we are going.

During our celebration, we will recognize 50 men and women who have shown impeccable dedication to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism. If you would like to nominate someone for our "50 under 50" award please click [here](#).

I invite you to celebrate this milestone with us by attending, or hosting a table.

By pledging to host a table, you're supporting ALEC as we launch another 50 years of advancing limited government, free-market policies. Let us know if you are interested in more information about our 50th Anniversary Gala [here](#).

If changing the landscape of state policy to take full benefit of our federalist system of government is something that you consider close to your heart, you should attend the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting.

At the ALEC Annual Meeting you will hear from leading experts on the challenging issues you are facing in your state and have the opportunity to

equip yourself to be a leader in the next state legislative sessions.

Here's a small glimpse at the workshops available to you at the Annual Meeting and the policies that will be at the forefront in 2024:

- Education and Workforce Development
- Tax and Fiscal Policy
- Energy, Environment, and Agriculture
- Health and Human Services
- Criminal Justice

If you're not already registered, you still have time to **save your spot**.

REGISTER NOW

With more than two-thirds of our state legislatures now adjourned, it's an important time to build up our strength and knowledge for the opportunities to come.

Thank you for being part of this important work to advance sound policies at the state level and show a better way forward for our leadership in Washington.

Your friend,



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From: [Courtney Cook](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: TODAY, Early Bird Registration Rates End!
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 8:08:40 AM



Dear Warren,

Early bird registration ends **TODAY at 11:59 PM!** Register now to secure your spot!

We invite you to join us at the table as we discuss major issues facing the country.

When you sign up today, you're taking advantage of the [best possible price](#) for the premiere gathering of public policy leaders who share your vision for America.

[Register Today!](#)

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From: [Jonathan Williams](#)
To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Where does your state rank?
Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023 8:07:25 AM





Friends,

This week, **ALEC released the 16th edition of *Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index***, the annual report assessing each state's competitiveness and economic outlook. The report, which has been used by lawmakers across the states **since 2007**, *Rich States, Poor States* has become a leading indicator of how economic policies orient the states for future economic success.

Join our latest webinar at 2:00 PM EST on Tuesday, April 18th - Tax Day, for a conversation with the Rich States, Poor States, co-authors.

Register Now

Utah has maintained its position as the top-ranked state for economic outlook

for 16 years in a row. State leaders and legislators have a strong record of implementing pro-taxpayer reforms in recent years, including the adoption of a flat personal income tax rate, pension reform for its previously endangered system, and an innovative approach to property tax reform.

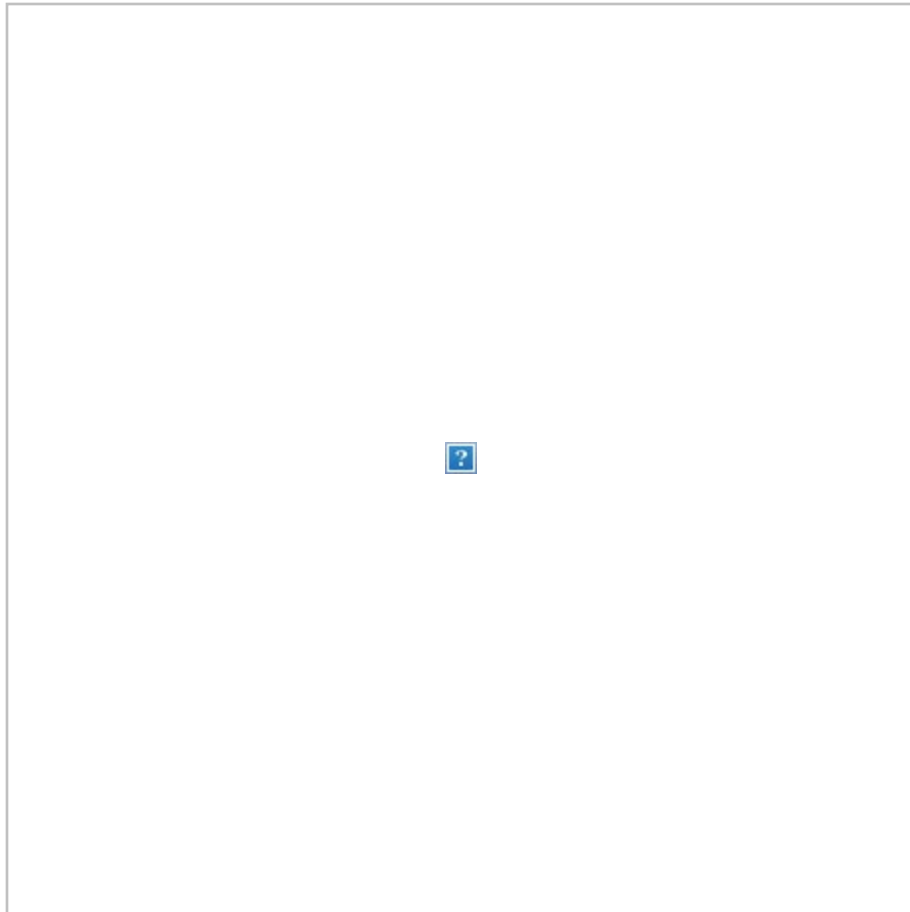
As always, please keep in touch, and let me know if you would like to host a Rich States, Poor States policy briefing in your state.

All the best,



"This new edition of Rich States, Poor States showcases how states are competing with one another to become bastions of freedom and opportunity. Ultimately, it is the American people who benefit from this friendly competition, which ALEC is proud to promote."

Latest Movements in State Economic Growth and Competition

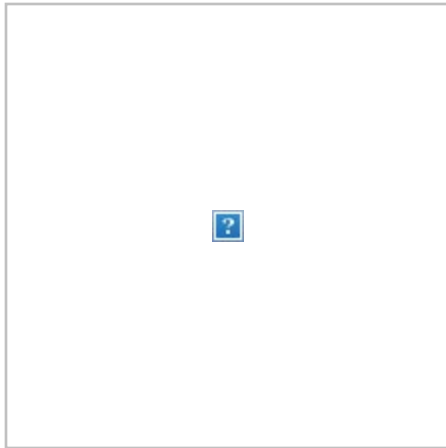


It's no surprise the top five states in economic outlook for 2022 are Utah, North Carolina, Arizona, Idaho, and Oklahoma. **Utah's pro-taxpayer policies have earned them first place for a striking 16 years in a row!**

The least competitive states may not come as a surprise either: Illinois, New Jersey, Minnesota, Vermont — with New York dead last.

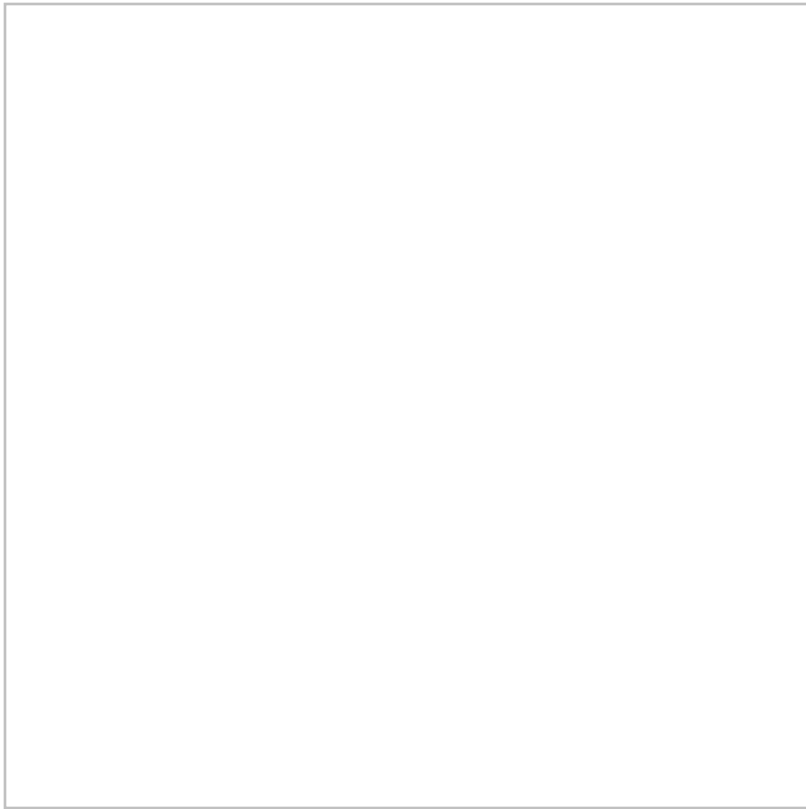
Check out RichStatesPoorStates.org to track your state's progress over 16 years. You can also adjust your state's policies to see how you can improve!

Rich States, Poor States Launched in Salt Lake City, Utah



To celebrate Utah's number one ranking, ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson and I launched the new **Rich States, Poor States**. Thursday in Salt Lake City alongside Gov. Spencer Cox, Senate President Stuart Adams, and Speaker Brad Wilson.

ALEC's Flagship Guide to Economic Growth: Rich States, Poor States



The impact doesn't stop at academic curiosity. Policymakers are taking heed of ALEC's research, and changing the direction of their policy agendas for the better.

Watch our new video from ALEC's 50th anniversary series, featuring my co-authors Dr. Art Laffer and Steve Moore, as well as Mississippi speaker Philip Gunn, on the impact of Rich States, Poor States, throughout its 16 year history.

Daily Caller Op-Ed: Pro-Growth Policies Have Americans Flocking To These States

As Americans continue to pay more for groceries and gas, most have little appetite for higher taxes. That didn't stop President Joe Biden from recently pushing a \$4.7 trillion federal tax increase in his new budget proposal, targeting American businesses, families, and energy producers.

The tone-deaf call for federal tax hikes comes amid record setting

federal tax collections last year, totaling \$4.9 trillion. Washington can't quit its spending addiction either, as the national debt is approaches a previously unfathomable \$32 trillion.

There is, however, hope to be had across the 50 states – the laboratories of democracy. This legislative session, a growing number of states are countering D.C.'s big government policies by implementing pro-growth and pro-worker policies at the state level. And that's the smart approach. As the latest Census data reveals, millions of Americans are voting with their feet by moving to states with more freedom and more opportunity. [Continue reading >>>](#)

New Episode of States of Play

The latest episode of *States of Play* on American Radio Journal highlights the newest rankings in *Rich States, Poor States*.

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#1 Ranked Utah's Economic Outlook

In our new Deseret News op-ed, Utah Senate President Stuart Adams and I discuss why, for the [16th time, Utah's economic outlook tops the nation.](#)

Much like sports, fiscal success is more about preparation than anything else. Building on a platform of lower taxes, reasonable regulations and less reliance on the federal government, Utah has established a solid yet flexible economic model that encourages business without sacrificing the state's responsibility to the people.

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I also spoke with NTD News about why [Utah is the most competitive state in the U.S.](#)

"Utah has cut taxes aggressively, already has a flat tax put in place... and they have reformed their pension system..."

[Watch the full story here>>>>](#)

Map of the Week

This week's map of the week comes from [***Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. The 2023 Economic Outlook Rankings***](#) show which states are best poised for economic success and which are worst poised for economic success – i.e. the Rich States and the Poor States – based on a slate of 15 equal weighted variables. States that pursue low-tax, limited government policies rank well, while states that pursue high-tax, big government policies rank poorly.

Impressively, for the 16th year in a row, Utah has ranked 1st overall for [**Economic Outlook**](#). North Carolina ranked 2nd and Arizona ranked 3rd. Unsurprisingly, high-tax states Minnesota, Vermont and New York all ranked 48th, 49th and 50th respectively. For more information, check out [**RichStatesPoorStates.org**](#).



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Dear Warren,

There is just one week left to register at the early bird registration rate for the 2023 ALEC Annual Meeting!

Register before [11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 31](#) to secure your spot at the premier gathering of policy makers.

Signing up today is the best way to guarantee your spot.



Register Now

You won't want to miss this year's Welcome Reception at Universal Studios Citywalk, minutes away from the hotel, and [after hours access into Universal Studios](#).

With over 20 restaurants, a movie-themed escape room, and water taxi connecting you to Universal Studios, there's no question why CityWalk is known as "The Epicenter of Awesome".

From world-class theme parks, to fine dining, to luxury spas and premiere golf courses, you'll find endless opportunities in Orlando.

Want to find more to do while you're at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting? Click the link below and explore the possibilities!

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If you have any questions about the event or are interested in sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, contact the ALEC Meetings Team at meetings@alec.org for more information.

[Register today](#) to join us in Florida in July. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
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Heather,

We are days away from the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting and we can't wait to see so many of you in Orlando, FL! See below for a peek at all the exciting things we have planned for the week along with the full agenda for the meeting. Don't miss out! There is still time to join us in the sunshine state if you haven't already registered!



Agenda Spotlight:

Wednesday, July 26

The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation

The question of how to best keep teens safe online has dominated state houses and will likely continue to be a major theme of legislative sessions in 2024. Florida was no different, passing a law that will require all public-school students to take classes on social media safety. As lawmakers across the country grapple with such a critical issue, there is a real danger that well-intentioned proposals could erode first amendment rights, establish a co-parenting relationship with the government, and create needless cybersecurity vulnerabilities that leave all internet users worse off. In this workshop, we will explore the dangers teens face online and what lawmakers at the state level can do to protect them when using social media platforms without compromising our core values of personal responsibility, individual freedom, and limited government.

Thursday, July 27

A Revolution in Modern-Day Entertainment: Fantasy Sports

Sports entertainment is changing to be more interactive, thoughtful, and engaging. With over 25 millions Americans playing Daily Fantasy Sports today, industry innovation drives growth and helps people become more involved in sports through apps that track results, create communities for chat with friends, and permit contests based on athlete performance. Join this session to hear from PrizePicks, the largest independently owned fantasy sports operator in North America to discuss industry innovation, legal precedent for games of skill, and what the future may hold for lawmakers and consumers alike.

Friday, July 28

NEW! Veteran's Affairs Policy Working Group

Join us for the inaugural meeting of the ALEC Veterans' Affairs Policy Working Group. It will explore most pressing policy issues for America's veterans and their families. The working group will be led by U.S. Army veteran and ALEC Board of Directors member, Speaker Pro Tem John Wills of Iowa.

ALEC 50th Anniversary party - Families Invited!

ALEC is turning 50! Join us at the JW Marriott Pool as we end an exciting 50th ALEC Annual Meeting and continue to celebrate this anniversary year. The party will include pool floats, games, drinks and more! Bring your families and don't miss the celebration!

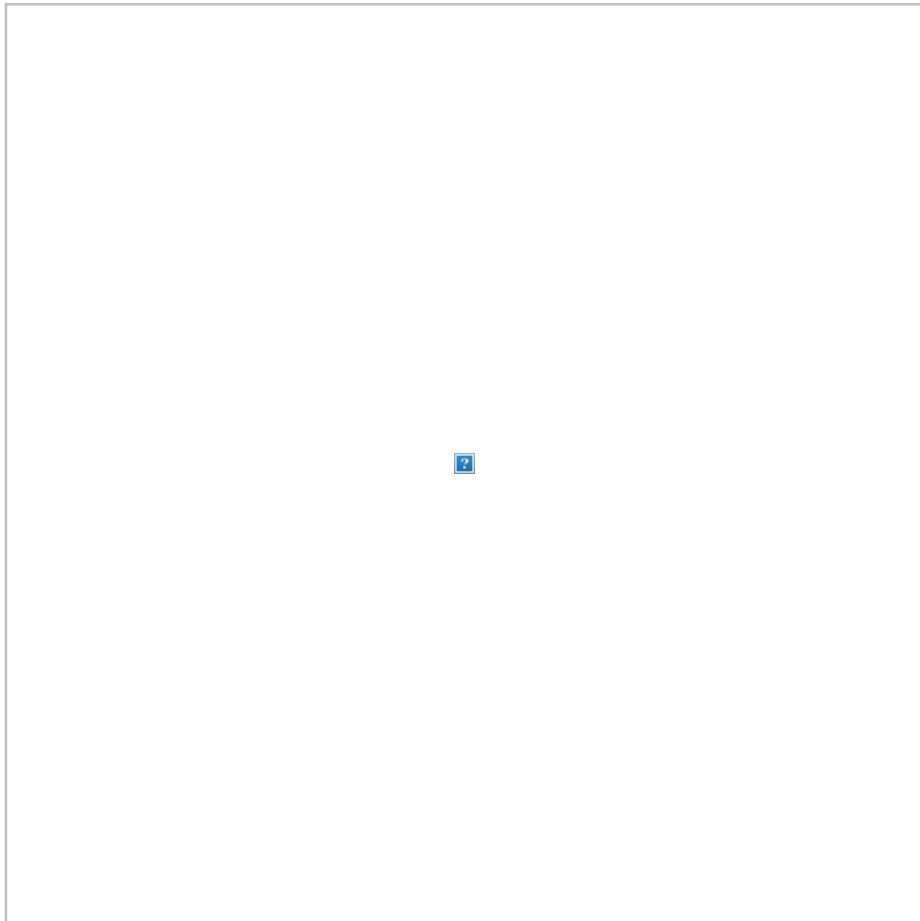
Can't join the fun? Mark your calendar for October 4th in Washington, DC where we will formally celebrate this golden anniversary and 50 years of trusted policy solutions from ALEC at the ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala.

[Full Agenda](#)



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Chairman Rogers and Members of the Senate Elections Committee:

I look forward to seeing you today in the Elections Committee where the League of Women Voters will be submitting the following testimony. We have also attached questions you may wish to ponder as you consider these bills.

Thank you. JL

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Hello Everyone! Here are the testimonies for today and any questions we have for members to use. I'll also be emailing the committee(s). JL

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On Mar 19, 2023, at 5:10 PM, Pinny Sheoran
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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on HB2305

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023 2:00 pm

Committee Chairperson Rogers and members of the Senate Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jodi Liggett, and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist.

We oppose HB2305. This bill allows political observers from both parties to monitor each stage of the signature verification process for early, provisional and conditional provisional ballots. We would note that Independents are not included as observers yet are approximately 30% of registered voters in Arizona.

We have serious concerns about individuals with no training or expertise charged with the responsibility of monitoring this process. This bill has no formal training required for poll watchers, although guidelines for observers are outlined in the Elections Procedures Manual. This lack of real-world training for poll observers will undoubtedly lead to delays in the signature verification process and impede the ability of County Election staff to do their time-sensitive work.

Election officials, staff and volunteers have recently received threats while performing these jobs. This bill furthers the threat by including provisions for a Class 5 Felony. This is onerous and unnecessarily punitive to the very people who are tasked with supporting our democracy. This may put election workers in the position to err on the side of incorrectly rejecting signatures. In addition, this bill may make it even more difficult to hire election workers.

Counties in the State of Arizona have robust processes in place to verify signatures by professionally trained County Election staff. Maricopa county as an example, follows a process by which first-level signature reviewers have access to three signatures from the voter's file. If the first-level reviewer flags the signature, it goes to a manager, all of whom have many years of signature verification experience and, who, unlike first-level reviewers, have access to all signatures in the voters' files. If the manager also deems the signature to be nonmatching, then the Elections Department will attempt to contact the voter to cure the signature. Of the more than 14,600 signatures found to be nonmatching in the recent election, the Elections Department cured more than 87% by communicating with the voter.

We urge the committee to vote NO on this bill.



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Thank you.

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Senate Elections Committee

Monday March 20, 2023 2:00 pm

My name is Jodi Liggett, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist we would like to offer some questions about this proposed legislation.

The League opposes HB2305. As the LWV has reviewed this bill we have found this bill and issue generates many questions.

- ☐ What are the plans for training observers on the signature match process?
- ☐ Will there be any controls in place if there is a situation where an observer rejects signatures out-of-hand?
- ☐ What violation would constitute a class 5 felony?
- ☐ What happens if you are not able to have a representative from each of the parties present at all times?
- ☐ How would this impact the cure process?
- ☐ What is the estimate for increases in time to process all the ballots impacted?
- ☐ How does this bill benefit Arizona voters?
- ☐ How does this increase costs to the counties of Arizona?

We strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. Democracy benefits when more people have the ability to participate. Let's support methods to encourage voting.

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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on HB2319

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023, 2:00 pm

Committee Chairperson Rogers and members of the Senate Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jodi Liggett, and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist.

We strongly oppose HB2319. This bill provides that Arizona laws on the Conduct of Elections (Title 16, Chap 4) shall be "aggressively construed in favor of the reading that provides greater transparency." It further states that "existing court opinions relating to this chapter do not have precedential force or effect if the opinions conflict with the rule of construction" the bill specifies. In other words, the Legislature declares that existing court opinions have no precedent or effect if they conflict with any provision of this law.

This legislation is an attempt to exert ever-greater legislative control over interpretations of the law and determination of what is legally considered "transparent." If made law, this bill will intrude on the roles of both the executive and judicial branches. It may well be unconstitutional. Nowhere is "aggressively construed" defined, nor is the central term, "transparency" given specific meaning.

The division in our nation and state among political actors is exhausting our citizens. They are weary of conspiracies, lawsuits, and conflict. This law would drive further division and cynicism by encouraging extreme lawsuits, such as the recent attempts to eliminate all ballot boxes, declare mail balloting unconstitutional, or allow ballot box monitoring by armed groups. These actions are not in the best interest of Arizona voters. Our laws should not encourage such maneuvers.

This bill is ill advised. We strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this measure. Thank you.

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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on HB2415

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023, 2:00 pm

Committee Chairperson Rogers and members of the Senate Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jodi Liggett, and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist.

We strongly oppose HB2415. LWVAZ supports voting options that are accessible to all. In particular we support early voting, including voting by mail.

This bill removes voters from the Active Early Voting List (AEVL) after failure to return mail ballots during one election cycle. This bill will remove even more people from the Early Voting List. This body of legislators is out of touch with what voters want and have indicated by the percent of voters using mail ballots.

This bill negatively impacts voters who do not select one of the designated political parties and choose not to vote in a primary election. Currently, almost 30% of Arizonans have registered with this designation. Are you willing to disenfranchise your "independent" constituents by removing them from the AEVL by missing one election?

We strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. Every vote counts and voting should be made more accessible to all potential voters. The LWVAZ requests this testimony be entered into the House Municipal Oversight and Elections Committee public record for today's meeting (2-8-2023). Thank you.

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Senate Elections Committee

Monday March 20, 2023 2:00 pm

My name is Jodi Liggett, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist we would like to offer some questions about this proposed legislation.

The League opposes HB2415. As the LWV has reviewed this bill we have found this bill and issue generates many questions.

- ☐ Do you want to be a voter who doesn't know the change in process to wait for a mail ballot that never appears?
- ☐ Are these shifting rules making the system better for voters?
- ☐ Why continue attacking and limiting the use of mail ballots? Your constituents used these to elect you!
- ☐ Why add more confusion to voter's concerns about being on the Early Voting list?
- ☐ Does this effort build voter confidence or confusion and distrust of elections?
- ☐ What is an election cycle? This bill needs a clear definition.

We strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. Democracy benefits when more people have the ability to participate. Let's support methods to encourage voting.

Thank you.

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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on HB2552

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023 2:00 pm

Committee Chairperson Rogers and members of the Senate Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jodi Liggett, and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist.

We oppose HB2552. The LWVAZ supports a voting system that would more accurately represent the electorate, specifically the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) system for single seat races, and the adoption of proportional representation for multi-seat races.

This bill requires the person who receives the highest number of legal votes in an election to be declared elected. It further prohibits a voting method or nomination process that includes the ranking of candidates or allows candidates to be eliminated through multiple rounds of tabulation. This prohibition applies to all levels of government and therefore applies to all elections in the state. This bill would prevent counties and municipalities from having the power to decide how to run their own elections.

Ranked Choice Voting is used by 62 municipalities across the U.S. It was passed as a ballot initiative in Nevada in 2022 and will need to pass again in Nevada in 2024 as required by their constitution. Alaska used RCV for state elections the first time in the November 2022 elections. Maine has been utilizing RCV for state elections for several years. The RCV (or Instant Runoff Voting) movement has been growing across the U.S. Most voters who currently utilize RCV find it easy to use.

Data shows that RCV has the potential to increase voter turnout, and polling of voters who used RCV shows a majority understood the ballot and would vote that way again. Most importantly, early polling shows that 60% of Arizona voters support Ranked Choice Voting, and there is no reason for this elected body to preemptively ignore or silence the voices of their constituents.

We urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. This is an attempt to preemptively block an initiative on the ballot to allow AZ voters to decide if they want to adopt Ranked Choice Voting (also called Instant Runoff Voting).

Thank you.



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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on **HB2591**
Senate Elections Committee
Monday, March 20, 2023, 2:00 pm

My name is Jodi Liggett, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist we would like to offer some questions about this proposed legislation.

The League opposes HB2591. The LWV has reviewed this bill and offers these questions to consider as you evaluate the effectiveness of this bill.

- Why limit drop boxes to just those hours that most working people are likely to be at their job?
- Does this bill mean that someone who works an 8 - 5 job will have no access to ballot boxes?
- If boxes are under video surveillance and fines are in place for improper use, why can't the boxes be accessible at convenient hours?
- Has there been any study done to determine the impact of this change on voters?
- Weren't many of the legislators now serving the people, in fact, elected by voters using ballot boxes?
- What problem is this attempting to solve?
- Do Legislators have a clear idea of which buildings in their districts are actually county owned?
- This will add extra burden to county locations? For example, if a library is county owned and hosts a drop box, will the library need to have someone lock the box at 5 pm, even though the library is open later? Would someone have to arrive early to open the box before the library opens?
- This will lead to many questions regarding exactly what is a "county building" - is it a local library, a fire department, a city hall? Would this exclude all buildings owned by cities?

We strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. Voters should be encouraged to participate in the democratic process by voting, it is important to build systems and processes that encourage voters to VOTE.

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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on HB2591

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023 2:00 pm

Committee Chairperson Rogers and members of the Senate Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jodi Liggett, and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist.

We oppose HB2591. This bill limits drop boxes to county buildings only, open for use from 8 AM - 5 PM. This is out of touch with the needs of hardworking Arizonans, limiting access to just those very hours many working people are at their jobs. *Respectfully, we ask: Why make voting even harder?* Ballot boxes beyond county owned buildings have been used safely and securely throughout Arizona for years. **The LWV supports drop boxes that are safe, secure and intimidation free to all voters and are available all day, everyday during the voting cycle.**

This bill removes county election officials' ability to most serve the voters residing in their unique areas. Current policy allows counties to establish their own secure locations. Further limiting ballot drop box locations and hours could selectively impact voting in these areas. **We strongly urge the committee to vote No on this bill. Voters should be encouraged to participate in the democratic process by voting, it is important to build systems and processes that encourage voters to VOTE.**

The LWVAZ requests this testimony be entered into the House Municipal Oversight and Elections Committee public record for today's meeting (2-15-2023).
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Testimony of League of Women Voters of Arizona on HB2613

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023 2:00 pm

Committee Chairperson Rogers and members of the Senate Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jodi Liggett, and I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona as the League's Professional Lobbyist.

We oppose HB2613. The LWVAZ supports the following registration procedures, voting options, and voting systems in addition to those required under the National Voting Rights Act (VRA), Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). All registration procedures, voting options and systems should be accessible to all, easy to administer, and have appropriate security measures to prevent fraud or technology disruptions.

This bill requires all components of Arizona's voting system used for casting, recording, and tabulating ballots be manufactured in the US, ballot images be published within 24 hours of the close of polls and voting equipment source code be open source and publicly available. These provisions will make it impossible for Arizona to use any automation as part of the election and force Arizona to hand count millions of ballots.

The language of the bill states voting equipment used for casting, recording, and tabulating ballots must be manufactured in the US. This would include printers, pollbooks, and tabulators. And so would include the PCs used to verify voter identification upon check-in at the poll and the printers that print the ballot, thus making it IMPOSSIBLE to use any electronic equipment.

The bill further requires the source code is open source and made available for the public. This is another barrier to acquiring a compliant voting system. Tabulation companies may be unwilling to sell to Arizona due to concerns for their intellectual property. The organization that developed the voting system may rightly have concerns about the loss of control over their intellectual property. And be hesitant to release the code for fear of competitors using their technology. In addition, there are increased concerns about the misuse of information. In some cases, those with access to the source code might use it for nefarious purposes, such as to develop competing products or hacking private information rather than for the intended purpose of verifying the accuracy and security of the voting system.

Providing ballot images within 24 hours of the election prior to any audit, review or certification is a risky proposal. Adequate county funding and staffing is not included in this bill. It will take people to ensure that ballot images and system log files from each tabulator are recorded on a secure write once, read any media with a clear chain of custody and posted on the SOS's website to be posted within 24 hours.



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This is another attempt to solve a problem that has been disproven multiple times. It does, however, create the possibility of forcing counties to run elections without effective electronic voting systems. Forcing a return to an archaic system of hand counting will increase costs, delay results and fail to increase voter confidence.

We urge you to vote to NO on HB2613.

The LWVAZ requests this testimony be entered into the Senate Elections Committee public record for today's meeting (3-20-2023).

Thank you.

About LWV

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We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

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