[LETTER TO EDITOR TEMPLATE]

[Your name]

[Your address]

[Editor’s name]

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[Date]

Dear Editor,

As an aware and concerned citizen, I would like to call attention to a recent bill presented in the [your state] Legislature. [Bill name] appears suspiciously similar to recent legislation introduced in other states and follows the agenda of the large corporate interest group, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). This highly partisan organization works to draft model legislation and “educate” lawmakers on the interests of corporate lobbyists.

Recently, waves of bills have been introduced by ALEC and passed in state legislatures that seem to contradict democracy rather than promote it: laws that cut off collective bargaining rights, roll back protective environmental regulations on businesses, and restrict voting rights have all appeared in state after state. Our legislative bodies are in place to represent their constituencies, not the interests of large, wealthy multinational corporations. Our legislation should reflect the needs of our citizens and to support this bill undermines the relationship between the people and our government.

I implore you and your readers to reject this bill and to make known your feelings on the presence of bills pushed by ALEC in our state legislative bodies.

Sincerely,

[Your name]