

To the Honorable Chairman Jamie Callender and Members of the Public Utilities Committee,

I am an Ohio citizen who has testified and attended meetings five times before the Senate and House on the issue of SB 33 over the past couple of years. My round trip to Columbus is two hundred miles. I spent a good deal of time researching and composing my testimony. I have no regrets about the time and effort I have invested in having my voice heard on this legislation. I feel privileged to be a part of a nation that gives me the right to share my opinions and ideas with my lawmakers.

My participation in the legislative process, however, has opened my eyes to a troubling paradigm that has taken root in the Ohio Legislature. SB 33 falls into the pattern of much of our current legislation. Legislation is introduced at secret meetings to key legislators representing states across the nation. It is then carried to state legislatures and shepherded through the committees by corporate lobbyists and politicians influenced by large campaign contributions. In order to get reelected our lawmakers must acquiesce to promoting the drafted legislation or face well-funded corporate challengers and hostile political ads in their next primary election contest. The distribution and support for this autocratic boardroom agenda is carried out by a coordinated group of organizations known collectively as the State Policy Networks.

The coordinating entity behind all of this legislation by proxy, payoffs to lawmakers, and distorting public perception of issues and candidates with unlimited spending is the **American Legislative Exchange Council**, (ALEC), an industry lobbying front group that gets away with masquerading as a 501c3 charity. Here is a partial list of those who have promoted the corporate interests and influenced regulations of COAL, OIL and GAS- (ExxonMobil, Shell Oil, Peabody Energy, Chevron, Cheniere Energy, Dominion Resources, Duke Energy, and the American Petroleum Institute); TELECOMS- (AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, Time Warner Cable, and the National Cable and Telecommunications Association); TOBACCO & ALCOHOL- (Altria {formerly Phillip Morris} and Reynolds American, Anheuser-Busch and Diageo); TRANSPORTATION- (UPS, FedEx, Transurban, BNSF Railroad, and Norfolk Southern), and PHARMACEUTICALS- (Pfizer, Eli Lilly, Bayer, PhRMA, and Celgene.)

Last but not least are the long time funders of ALEC, Charles and David Koch - Koch Brothers Enterprises and Founding Member of ALEC, the man who turned Ohio into the new sewer for oil and gas waste, John Kasich.

Below are a list of current and past legislators who allow corporations lobbyists to write the laws that govern the people of Ohio.

### Ohio Legislators with ALEC Ties

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#### ***U.S. Representative***

- Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-7) <sup>[1]</sup>

#### ***House of Representatives***

- Rep. Cindy Abrams (R-29), Attended 2019 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit<sup>[2]</sup>
- Rep. John Becker (R-65), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup> [registered member](#)
- Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-27)<sup>[4][5]</sup>

- Rep. James Butler (R-41), ALEC [Health and Human Services Task Force](#) Member<sup>[6][7]</sup> and [Communications and Technology Task Force](#) Alternate.<sup>[8]</sup> Paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on February 19, 2015, and reported \$525 spent on ALEC conferences in 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Robert. C. Cupp (R-04) former OH Supreme Court Justice.<sup>[10]</sup>
- Rep. Bill Dean (R-74), Attended 2019 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit<sup>[2]</sup>
- Rep. Tim Ginter (R-5), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on February 13, 2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Doug Green (R-66), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on March 9, 2017, on February 2, 2015, and on March 24, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Ron Hood (R-78), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>, [registered member](#). Paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on December 7, 2016, on November 14, 2014, and on January 24, 2013.<sup>[9][5]</sup>
- Rep. Kris Jordan (R-67), ALEC [Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force](#) Member.<sup>[11]</sup> Paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 29, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Candice Keller (R-53), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 17, 2017<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. George Lang (R-52), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>
- Rep. Jeffrey LaRe (R-77), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>
- Rep. Scott Lipps (R-62), [registered member](#)
- Rep. Riordan McClain (R-87), Paid \$100 in campaign expenditures to ALEC in 2017,<sup>[13]</sup> paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on January 18, 2013.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Derek Merrin (R-47), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>, [registered member](#), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 10, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Rick Perales (R-73), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>, paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on October 6, 2016, and on March 18, 2015.<sup>[12][5]</sup>
- Rep. Jena Powell (R-80), Attended 2019 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit<sup>[2]</sup>
- Rep. Bill Reineke (R-88), [registered member](#)
- Rep. Craig Riedel (R-82), [registered member](#)
- Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-2)<sup>[14]</sup>
- Rep. Scott Ryan (R-71), [registered member](#), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 24, 2015.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Gary Scherer (R-92), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>,<sup>[4]</sup> paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on January 27, 2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Ryan Smith (R-93), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on January 20, 2015, on October 13, 2014, and on January 23, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. J. Todd Smith (R-43), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>
- Rep. William "Bill" Seitz (R-30), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>,<sup>[14]</sup> ALEC [Civil Justice Task Force Co-Chair](#).<sup>[15]</sup> Spoke on "Saving Dollars and Protecting Communities: State Successes in Corrections Policy" at the 2011 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[16]</sup> As a state Senator, Seitz paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on October 22, 2014, and on February 7, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Dick Stein (R-57), [registered member](#). Paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 8, 2017.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus (R-50), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>
- Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-01), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>, [registered member](#)
- Rep. Shane Wilkin (R-91), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>
- Rep. Paul Zeltwanger (R-64), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on February 17, 2015.<sup>[12][5]</sup>

## Senate

- Sen. Andrew Brenner (R-19)<sup>[14]</sup>. Paid ALEC \$1,550 in conference and membership fees since 2013, including ALEC conferences in 2016 and 2017, and paying ALEC 2-year membership fees on July 2, 2015 and on April 23, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. David Burke (R-26), ALEC [Health and Human Services Task Force](#) Member<sup>[7]</sup>
- Sen. William P. Coley, II (R-4), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>; [State Chair](#), ALEC [Civil Justice Task Force](#). Sen. Coley has disclosed \$3,925 in payments to ALEC for events and membership since 2013.<sup>[9][12]</sup> Member since at least 2011<sup>[15]</sup>
- Sen. John Eklund (R-18)<sup>[17][18]</sup>

- Sen. Theresa Gavarone (R-2), paid ALEC \$50 one-year membership fee on April 3, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Sen. Bob Hackett (R-10)<sup>[19]</sup>
- Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-30) paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 20, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-31) paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on February 11, 2015, and on January 25, 2013.<sup>[9][5]</sup>
- Sen. Matt Huffman (R-12)<sup>[1]</sup>, ALEC [Civil Justice Task Force](#) Member, [registered member](#). Campaign finance expenditure filings with the Ohio Secretary of State show Sen. Huffman spent \$1,300 on ALEC events and membership in the year 2017.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Robert McColley (R-01), Attended 2019 ALEC Annual Meeting<sup>[3]</sup>, [registered member](#), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on April 26, 2017 and on February 4, 2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Larry Obhof (R-22), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on Feb. 21, 2018<sup>[20]</sup>
- Sen. Bob Peterson (R-17), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on November 20, 2017, and on May 3, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup> ALEC Member since at least 2011<sup>[21]</sup>
- Sen. Kristina D. Roegner (R-27), ALEC [Education Task Force](#) Member,<sup>[22]</sup> paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on January 28, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-20), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on March 29, 2017, and on March 31, 2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Kirk Schuring (R-29), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on April 21, 2017, along with a \$150 ALEC conference registration fee.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Steve Wilson (R-7) paid 2-year ALEC membership fee on Jan. 16, 2018<sup>[23]</sup>

### ***New Carlisle City Council***

- Councilman Ethan Reynolds<sup>[4]</sup>

### ***Former Representatives***

- Rep. Steve Arndt (R-89) paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on March 27, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-76), paid ALEC \$600 on November 14, 2017 for "events."<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Ron Young (R-61)<sup>[14]</sup>, ALEC Member
- Rep. Andrew (Andy) M. Thompson (R-95)<sup>[14]</sup>, ALEC [Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force](#). Paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on March 8, 2017, on November 13, 2014, and on March 5, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup> Member since at least 2011<sup>[24][25]</sup>
- Rep. Wes Retherford (R-51); [State Chair](#). Paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on December 27, 2016, on December 9, 2014, and on January 18, 2013<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Terry Johnson (R-90), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on February 1, 2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Jim Hughes (R-24), paid ALEC 2-year membership dues on November 1, 2016, on October 6, 2014, and on May 15, 2013, all listed to an address outside of ALEC's offices at the time.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Mike Henne (R-46), paid ALEC \$575 since 2013, including for 2-year membership fees on February 28, 2017, and on February 26, 2015.<sup>[12][5]</sup>
- Rep. Christina Hagan (R-16),<sup>[26]</sup> paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on January 30, 2017, on October 17, 2016, and on February 24, 2015.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-19), ALEC [Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force](#) Member <sup>[27]</sup> <sup>[6]</sup>
- Rep. Keith Faber (R-84), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on November 20, 2014, on February 10, 2014, and on July 26, 2011;<sup>[12]</sup> spent \$500 on ALEC's annual meeting in July, 2016, and paid ALEC a \$150 "registration fee" on June 5, 2015, most likely for attending an ALEC conference.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-28) paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on April 21, 2015.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-6)<sup>[14]</sup>, ALEC [Education Task Force](#) member since at least 2011.<sup>[22]</sup> Paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on November 18, 2014, and on January 15, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Cliff Rosenberger (R-91); [State Chair](#), ALEC [Communications and Technology Task Force](#) Paid ALEC \$175 "filing fee," presumably for membership, on April 12, 2017.<sup>[12]</sup> Paid 2-year membership

fees on October 21, 2016,<sup>[9]</sup> on February 20, 2015, and on January 29, 2013.<sup>[12]</sup> Member since at least 2011.<sup>[8]</sup>

- Rep. Wes Goodman (R-87) paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on February 7, 2017.<sup>[9]</sup> Rep. Goodman tweeted from the ALEC 2017 Annual Meeting.<sup>[28]</sup>
- Rep. [John P. Adams](#) (R-85)<sup>[12][29][1][14]</sup>, [State Chairman](#)<sup>[30]</sup> and [Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Member](#)<sup>[31]</sup>
- Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-1)<sup>[9][1][14]</sup>, [Communications and Technology Task Force](#) Alternate<sup>[8]</sup>
- Rep. Nan Baker (R-14)<sup>[12]</sup>
- Speaker William G. Batchelder (R-69), ALEC member<sup>[12][32]</sup>
- Rep. Peter A. Beck (R-54), ALEC [Communications and Technology Task Force](#) Member<sup>[8]</sup>
- Rep. Terry Blair (R-42)<sup>[14]</sup>
- Rep. Louis Blessing (R-29)<sup>[11]</sup> (replaced by his son, Louis W. Blessing, III, representative-elect)
- Rep. Terry R. Boose (R-57)<sup>[9][14]</sup>, ALEC [Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force](#) Member<sup>[33]</sup>
- Rep. Danny Bupp (R-88)<sup>[29]</sup>
- Rep. George J. Buchy (R-84) <sup>[10]</sup>
- Rep. John A. Carey, Jr. (R-87), ALEC [Education Task Force](#) Alternate<sup>[34]</sup>
- Rep. Margaret "Margy" Conditt (R-52), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on January 27, 2017, and on March 1, 2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Rex Damschroder<sup>[9][6]</sup>
- Speaker Jo Ann Davidson <sup>[35]</sup>
- Rep. Timothy Derickson (R-53)<sup>[29][12]</sup>
- Rep. Mike Dovilla (R-18)<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Dale Van Dyke <sup>[35]</sup>
- Rep. Bruce Goodwin (R-74), ALEC [Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force](#) Member<sup>[11]</sup>
- Rep. Tim Greenwood (R) currently outside counsel OH AG.<sup>[10]</sup>
- Rep. Cheryl L. Grossman (R-23), ALEC [Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force](#) Alternate.<sup>[24]</sup> Paid ALEC \$1,350 in meeting registration and membership fees from 2013-2015.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Bill Hayes (R-72)<sup>[14][12]</sup>
- Rep. [John Kasich](#) (R-12), ALEC Co-founder. <sup>[36]</sup>
- Rep. Casey Kozlowski (R-99), ALEC [Public Safety and Elections Task Force](#) Member <sup>[37]</sup>
- Rep. Ronald Maag (R-62),<sup>[9]</sup> ALEC [Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force](#) Member<sup>[1][38]</sup>
- Rep. Jarrod B. Martin (R-70), ALEC [Public Safety and Elections Task Force](#) Member<sup>[37][29][1]</sup>
- Former Rep. Robert Mecklenborg (R-30), ALEC Member
- Rep. Craig Newbold (R-1), ALEC Member<sup>[39]</sup>
- Rep. Tom Patton (R-7) paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on February 10, 2015, and on March 13, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Rep. Tom Raga (R-67), paid for ALEC membership from campaign funds in 2001, 2003, and 2005<sup>[40]</sup>
- Rep. Barbara Sears (R-47)<sup>[14][29]</sup>, ALEC [Health and Human Services Task Force](#) Member<sup>[7][9]</sup>
- Rep. Todd Snitchler (Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as of 2011)<sup>[29][1]</sup>
- Rep. Gerald L. Stebelton (R-77)<sup>[9][29][14]</sup>, ALEC [Education Task Force](#) Member<sup>[22]</sup>
- Rep. Michael Stinziano (D-18), ALEC [Communications and Technology Task Force](#) Member<sup>[8]</sup>
- Rep. Ronald Suster (D) currently Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge.<sup>[10]</sup>
- Rep. Pat Tiberi <sup>[35]</sup>
- Rep. Lynn Wachtmann (R-81)<sup>[9][1]</sup>, ALEC [Health and Human Services Task Force](#) Member

### **Former Senators**

- Sen. Louis Terhar (R-08); [State Chair](#), paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on November 17, 2017<sup>[9]</sup>, on January 19, 2015, and on January 17, 2019.<sup>[12]</sup> Member since at least 2011.<sup>[41]</sup>
- Sen. Joseph W. Uecker (R-14)<sup>[29][14]</sup>, ALEC [Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force](#). Paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on April 11, 2017, on February 3, 2015, and on February 27, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup> Member since at least 2011.<sup>[24]</sup>

- Sen. Brian Hill, paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on December 12, 2017, on January 30, 2015, and on January 16, 2013.<sup>[9][12]</sup> Hill has been an ALEC Member since at least 2011<sup>[42]</sup>
- Sen. Frank LaRose (R-27), ALEC [Public Safety and Elections Task Force](#) member. <sup>[37]</sup>. Paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on October 22, 2014, and on June 13, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Randy Gardner (R-2), <sup>[10]</sup> paid 2-year ALEC membership fee on March 11, 2013<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-3), paid ALEC 2-year membership fees on September 28, 2016, on October 16, 2014, and on February 20, 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Grace L. Drake(R)<sup>[10]</sup>
- Sen. Cliff Hite (R-1) paid ALEC 2-year membership fee on October 15, 2016.<sup>[9]</sup> Hite who was previously a member of the Ohio House of Representatives.
- Sen. Michael A. Fox. (R) was director Butler County Children's services, currently serving prison term for corruption.<sup>[10]</sup>
- Sen. Shannon Jones (R-7)<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sen. Tom Niehaus (R-14), ALEC [Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force](#) Member<sup>[11]</sup>
- Sen. Lynn Wachtmann <sup>[35]</sup>

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