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Suggested response:

Nick, your assertion is incorrect: Overstock.com had a previous one-year association with ALEC, but no more.

Our association concerned a state sales tax issue, and we joined to allow better contact with state legislatures on our issue. However, at the end of that one-year association, we determined not to renew membership for business reasons, unrelated to any position ALEC had taken. It would be misleading to say otherwise. I believe our membership terminated sometime in 2013.

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I've just learned that, because the internet sales tax issue is back under consideration, it's necessary for us to communicate with policy makers involved in deliberations over future legislative actions on the subject.

That being the case, we've recently renewed our membership with ALEC.