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To:

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We are writing to ask you to end your affiliation with the American Legislative Exchange Council, also known as ALEC.

Over the last year, hundreds of thousands of Americans have signed petitions asking Google to end its ALEC membership because of their concerns about the harmful role ALEC has played in our democratic process. This includes concerns with ALEC's policy stands, its secretive practices and its effort to treat what most people consider a lobbying operation as "charitable" activity. This last concern has generated at least three separate complaints to the Internal Revenue Service that contributions to ALEC should not in fact be treated as tax deductible.

The public knows that the ALEC operation—which brings state legislators and corporate lobbyists behind closed doors to discuss proposed legislation and share lavish dinners—threatens our democracy. The public is asking Google to stop participating in this scheme.

Just a few weeks ago, Microsoft Corporation ended its affiliation with ALEC. This extraordinary measure was due to concerns over ALEC's extreme views; that extreme agenda include denying climate change, defunding public services, curtailing labor rights and opposing net neutrality.

During their recent meetings in Dallas, ALEC officers and corporate lobbyists held training seminars to teach legislators how to block legislation that encourages clean energy solutions. Just this past week, ALEC wrote a letter to the Federal Communications Commission in support of the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger in which they signal their opposition to net neutrality.

The undersigned organizations have varying opinions on these issues, but we all know that Google has been a leader in the fight to protect net neutrality and investing in clean energy alternatives. Yet Google has not heeded requests—even at

the company's shareholder meetings this year— to reevaluate your membership in ALEC, despite the fact that ALEC's agenda is severely out of step with your corporate culture.

Google's corporate motto is "Don't Be Evil." We, the undersigned organizations, believe that in the spirit of that motto, in the spirit of what Google purports to be, and in the spirit of what is best for the American public: it is time for Google to end its membership in ALEC.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO	Jobs With Justice
American Family Voices	League of Conservation Voters
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)	Money Out Voters In (MOVI)
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)	Montana Environmental Information Center
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)	MoveOn
Americans United for Change	New Energy Economy
Alliance for Retired Americans	Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment
Center for Effective Government	People For the American Way
Center for Media and Democracy/ALECExposed	Progress Now
Christopher Reynolds Foundation	Progress Florida
Citizens for Responsible Ethics in Washington (CREW)	Progress Missouri
Climate Parents	Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin
ColorofChange.org	Order Milwaukee
Common Cause	Public Campaign
Communication Workers of America (CWA)	Public Citizen
Courage Campaign	RootsAction
CREDO Action	Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Democracy for America	Sierra Club
Demos	Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Energy Action Coalition	Share Action
Forecast the Facts	Social Security Works
Free Press	Stand Up to ALEC
Friends Fiduciary Corporation	SumOfUs
Good Jobs First	United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW)
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, U.S.A.	United Steelworkers (USW)
In the Public Interest	USAction
International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)	We Act Radio
	Working America
	Zevin Asset Management