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Mrs. Lisa Nelson
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Dear Mrs. Nelson:

I want to thank you for your leadership at the American Legislative Exchange Council and express my gratitude for the efforts of all its members to promote free market, local decision making – empowering individuals and communities, who will always make better decisions for themselves than the federal government. As a former state legislator and ALEC alumna, I know firsthand the importance of institutions that foster collaboration amongst state lawmakers. ALEC is a valuable resource for state leaders looking for solutions to the diverse set of challenges they face.

ALEC enables leaders to reach across state lines to explore best practices. As our “laboratories of democracy,” states are empowered by the forum ALEC provides to explore innovative solutions to public policy problems. I am grateful for ALEC’s role in strengthening democratic debate and encouraging a robust exchange of ideas.

This is a nation of diverse people, communities and challenges. A one-size fits all approach to governance is inherently at odds with the very nature of these United States. Leaders at the state level are especially equipped to address the unique concerns of their citizens, and we in Congress have a responsibility to empower them with open, bottom-up solutions.

The dialogue ALEC enables between legislators, employers, thought leaders and individuals results in better public policy. I applaud your efforts as the leader of this important network and appreciate the work you and all of your members have done to promote smart, free market solutions at the state level.

Sincerely,



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