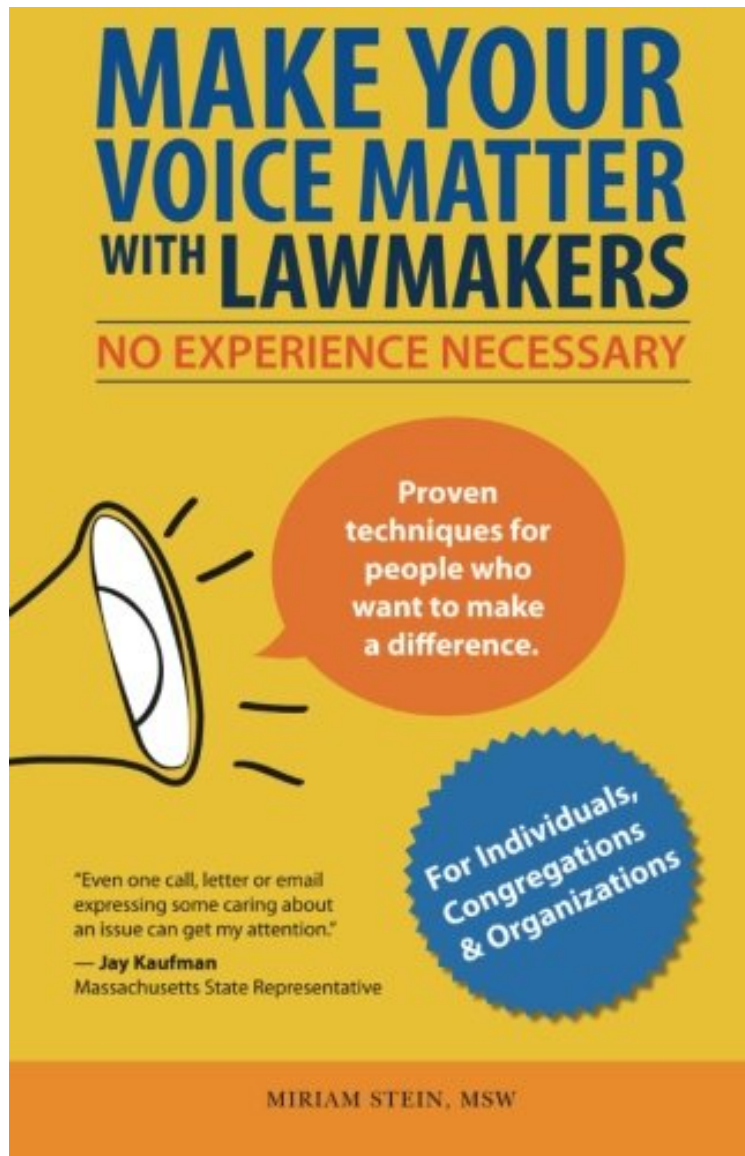


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About the Author Miriam Stein, MSW, is a dynamic, award winning advocacy trainer, consultant, speaker and writer. She is committed to helping people from all walks of life who care about social issues become comfortable and effective in expressing their views to lawmakers. Ms. Steins extensive experience centers on state house lobbying and media work, as well as direct service in low-income communities. Her positions include: Director of Governmental Affairs at the National Association of Social Workers, MA Chapter; Director of Communications at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition; and, adjunct instructor at schools of social work. She leads eye-opening and enthusiastically received advocacy and media workshops. Her awards include: Social Worker of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter; Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Recognition Award; Citizen Award, Arlington Fair Housing Advisory Committee.