

BOKS CONSULTING

Lobbying for Your Interests

Lobbying is the practice of influencing decisions made by the government. It includes all attempts to influence legislators and officials. As a **lobbyist, Boks** is able to help influence legislation on behalf of your organization and community.

Economist Thomas Sowell¹ describes lobbying as an example of an individual having better knowledge of its interests than the people at large do of theirs.

Boks is a valuable ally when it comes to influencing the passage or defeat of specific legislation in your community.

Boks is adept at influencing lawmakers through personal interviews and persuasion. He is able to orchestrate and direct 'grassroots,' influence, such as persuading members of a group to write or visit their district's representative and state's senators or attempting to create a climate of opinion favorable to a desired legislative goal.



The right to attempt to influence legislation is based on the First Amendment to the Constitution, which says Congress shall make no law abridging the right of the people 'to petition the government for a redress of grievances.'

Despite this constitutional protection there are restrictions and registration requirements concerning lobbying. It is important to your organization that you have a person qualified to serve in this capacity. Boks Consulting is your best ally.

¹ **Thomas Sowell** (born June 30, 1930), is an American economist, social commentator, and author of dozens of books. He often writes as an advocate of *laissez-faire* economics. He is currently a senior fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. In 1990, he won the Francis Boyer Award, presented by the American Enterprise Institute. In 2002 he was awarded the National Humanities Medal for prolific scholarship melding history, economics, and political science. In 2003, he was awarded the Bradley Prize for intellectual achievement