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Robert “Bobby” Silverstein is a nationally-recognized attorney with over 45 years of experience researching and drafting public policy from a disability perspective. For more than a decade, he served as staff director and chief counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Disability Policy, chaired by Senator Tom Harkin. Bobby was a behind-the-scenes architect of more than 20 disability-related bills enacted into law including the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act. Currently, Mr. Silverstein is working on a number of disability policy-related projects including identifying model state policies and practices regarding the recruitment, hiring, retention, and advancement of individuals with disabilities (SEED Project) and model policies and practices used by public and private employers (EARN Project). In 1971, Mr. Silverstein earned his B.S. in Economics, cum laude, from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) in 1974 from Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Silverstein is the recipient of more than 20 national awards, including the Distinguished Service Award of the President of the United States.