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James P. Gelfand joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in August 2007. He co-manages the Chamber's Employee Benefits Committee, the body responsible for formulating policy positions on health and retirement issues. Gelfand advocates on behalf of Chamber members on health policy issues pending before Congress and the federal agencies, including comprehensive health reform, ERISA preemption, mental health parity, small business health plans, health privacy and confidentiality, Medicare reform, consumerist health options, comparative effectiveness, mandates, and coverage for the uninsured.

Gelfand joined the Chamber from The ERISA Industry Committee, where he served as manager of health policy, focusing on research and advocacy for health issues of concern to Fortune 100 companies.

Gelfand is a contributor to the National Journal's Health Care Expert Blog and to the U.S. Chamber's ChamberPost blog, and writes for Health Care News. He is quoted regularly in publications including The New York Times, the National Journal, and Business Insurance and is interviewed by major news networks and talk radio.

Gelfand attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, graduating with distinction in political science and legal studies. Previously, he worked at the National Center for Public Policy Research, where he co-authored the 2007 edition of *Shattered Dreams: One Hundred Stories of Government Abuse*. He also worked in litigation support at the international law firm Sidley, Austin, Brown and Wood.

Gelfand has a background in investigative reporting and formerly served on the editorial board of the Northwestern Chronicle. He is a scholar of ancient Latin and Greek and a student at The George Washington University Law School. Gelfand lives in Washington, D.C.