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Mike Kuiken is a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and serves as Vice Chair of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

In the private sector, Mike is the Managing Member of Silver Valley Strategies, where he advises founders, CEOs, and investors on geopolitical and government strategies. He is an advisor to the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP) and a member of Anthropic's National Security and Public Sector Advisory Council. He serves on the boards of the National Defense Industrial Association and the Planetary Science Institute. His writing has appeared in the Financial Times, Newsweek, and the Boston Globe.

Mike previously served as Senate Majority Leader Schumer's National Security Advisor. He was a 'Gang of Eight' staffer for over seven years. He architected the legislative strategy to pass the CHIPS and Science Act and played a key role in establishing the Senate's Artificial Intelligence Insight Forums. Prior to the Leader's office, Mike spent over a decade on the Senate Armed Services Committee, a career that began with the late Senator Carl Levin.

His work has spanned the most consequential challenges of the post-9/11 era—from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to today's strategic competition with China. He has shaped U.S. responses to the Arab Spring, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, economic statecraft, and strategic cyber competition, working on the ground in over 85 countries to bring a frontline perspective to national policy.

Mike earned his B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Calvin University and his M.A. in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University.