

Profile



State Senator John R. Gordner

27TH DISTRICT

*Columbia, Northumberland, Montour and Snyder counties
and parts of Luzerne County*

Senator John R. Gordner was first elected to the State Senate in a special election in November 2003. He was re-elected in 2004, 2008 and 2012 to represent the 27th Senatorial District, which includes all of Columbia, Northumberland, Montour and Snyder counties and parts of Luzerne County.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Senator Gordner served for 11 years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. During his service in the General Assembly, Senator Gordner has been active in advancing many economic development projects that have helped area businesses create thousands of jobs for district residents.

He has been named Legislative Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Development Centers, and also has been honored with the National Federation of Independent Businesses Guardian of Small Business Award. In 2004, Senator Gordner received the Joseph Seigman Legislator of the Year Award, given by the 40,000 members of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. He is a past recipient of the Adam Smith Leadership Award by Economics Pennsylvania, a statewide organization that promotes financial literacy programs in public and private schools.

As a member of the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority, Senator Gordner has promoted the technology industry and economic development. He was instrumental in the Authority's approval of the Greater Susquehanna Keystone Innovation Zone, which is bringing high-tech jobs to the 27th Senatorial District. Senator Gordner has also assisted companies throughout the area in job creation projects.

Senator Gordner is currently serving as a member of Senate Republican leadership as Majority Caucus Chair, and as Vice Chairman of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. In addition, he also serves on the Appropriations Committee; Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee; Judiciary Committee; and the Transportation Committee.

Senator Gordner has been very involved in his community, serving as a member of the Columbia/Montour Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the statewide Board of Economics Pennsylvania. He is an associate member of Columbia County's Farm Bureau, a former president of the Berwick Jaycees, a former fund drive chairman of the Berwick Area United Way, a former Vice President of the Greater Berwick Chapter of the American Red Cross, and was a charter board member of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation. Senator Gordner was a longtime member of the Berwick Rotary Club and a Sunday School Superintendent of his church.

Senator Gordner earned his bachelor's degree from Dickinson College in 1983, and he earned his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1987.

He and his wife, Lori D. (Lindenmuth) Gordner, reside in Berwick with their two children, Allison and Cole.

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