

# 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 again in 2016 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 from the 109th Legislative District.

Senator Gordner is currently serving as a member of Senate leadership as Majority Whip. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee; Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee; the Judiciary Committee; and the Transportation Committee.

During his service in the General Assembly, Senator Gordner has been active in advancing many economic development projects that have helped area businesses create and maintain family-sustaining jobs for district residents.

In 2014, he received the Special Achievement Award from the Ben Franklin Technology Partners for his sponsorship of the groundbreaking Innovate in PA program, which is spurring development of high technology jobs. 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.

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. 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.

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 serves as a volunteer assistant cross country coach at Berwick High School, his alma mater. He has been a 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. They have two children, Allison and Cole.

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