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**Representative John Torbett**  
**Senior Chairman - Transportation**  
**NC House of Representatives**

John has been married to his wife Viddia for 38 years. They have a daughter and two grandsons.

In the late 70's John built single-family homes and commercial properties and received his real estate license from the State of Tennessee. He began his professional career in the corrugated converting industry in 1978. He worked as a Layout and Design Specialist, Material Management Specialist, Production Mgr., Sales Mgr., Plant Mgr., Senior Technical Consultant, and CEO.



In 2003 John accepted a position as vice president of business development for Defense Technologies Inc., a US Department of Defense Contractor specializing in Command and Control Software Development for Unmanned Air, Ground, Sea and Sub Surface Systems, and Equipment Life Extension of avionics and weapon systems. John played an essential role in DTI receiving a coveted and exceptional Experimental Aircraft Certification with active operational airspace within National Air Space (NAS) from the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

After entering the North Carolina State House John decided to take a corporate hiatus to focus intently on the needs of the 108 District and his fellow North Carolinians across the state.

In December of 2001 John became a candidate for The Gaston County Board of Commissioners representing the Riverbend Township. In 2002 the citizens of Gaston County elected John by a 2 to 1 margin to become their Riverbend Township Commissioner. He was re-elected in November 2006 by a similar margin and completed his eight years term of service honorably in December 2010.

John was recently elected to his fifth term as Representative of the 108<sup>th</sup> district in Gaston County. John's committee work spans a myriad of complex issues where he applies his strengths and focus for the people of the 108th district and those throughout North Carolina.