



Winter 2014

Norton Pushes D.C. Priorities Through Most Unproductive Congress in History, with Economic, Budget Autonomy and Legislative Gains

Norton Got More Bills Signed into Law than Any Member of Congress, Despite Historic Congressional Inactivity



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Norton traveled to South Africa as a member of the Congressional Delegation for the Nelson Mandela funeral.

Many are Visiting Norton’s New Downtown District Office

90 K St. NE, Suite 100, Washington, DC, corner of 1st and K streets, behind Union Station
(202) 408-9041...see page 6

For D.C. Residents Only!

Annual Norton Tax and Financial Services Fair

FREE!

PLEASE NOTE: Tax preparation services are for D.C. residents whose annual household income is less than \$52,000 and comes from wages or salary and who file basic returns

**Saturday, February 15, 2014
10:00 a.m. – noon**

Financial Services Offered

**Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mount Vernon Place
(Between 7th and 9th Streets NW, L Street Entrance)**

- ✓ Credit Counseling
- ✓ DCTAG & Other Grants
- ✓ DC College Savings Plan
- ✓ FAFSA Form Help
- ✓ Housing & Mortgage Counseling
- ✓ Identity Theft Prevention
- ✓ Low-Cost Credit Union Banking & Loans

What You Need to Bring...

- Photo ID
- W2
- Forms 1098 & 1099
- Itemized deductions
- 2012 tax returns
- Blank check for direct deposit
- Social Security card for you, your spouse and dependents
- Homebuyers must bring settlement statement

And May Qualify For...

- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Child & Dependent Care Tax Credits
- Education Tax Credit, and many more

First come, first served

Norton Breaks Through the Congressional Dysfunction for D.C. Funding and Rights

Federal Government Shutdown Helps Momentum for D.C. Budget Autonomy



- ✓ Norton got a **bill passed in the House to reopen the D.C. government** during the federal government shutdown
- ✓ Got D.C. its **first-ever yearlong shutdown avoidance provision**. No D.C. shutdowns in fiscal year 2015 if the federal government shuts down
- ✓ **Keeps budget autonomy referendum** from being overturned in Congress

During shutdown, Norton led press conference as part of her successful work on multiple fronts to prevent D.C. government shutdowns in fiscal years 2014-2015, and to build momentum for D.C. budget autonomy

Norton testified at a Senate hearing on the impacts of federal government shutdowns on D.C. Focused on how the recent federal government shutdown highlighted the need, and increased the momentum, for budget autonomy



D.C.'s Top Priorities Funded, Budget Agreement Big Deal for the City

After two years of the most severe spending cuts in U.S. history, Norton got all the city's priorities funded in the final fiscal year 2014 spending bill

- ✓ **DCTAG**, Department of Homeland Security (**DHS**) headquarters construction, **Metro**
 - **DCTAG: \$30 million**
 - **DHS: \$190 million** for **Secretary's office building at DHS headquarters** on St. Elizabeths campus in Ward 8
 - **Metro: \$150 million** for capital improvements
- ... **And other important D.C. priorities Norton got in the final spending bill**
 - ✓ **DC Water: \$14 million** to **eliminate neighborhood flooding**, and sewer overflows in our rivers
 - ✓ **D.C. HIV/AIDS: \$5 million** for **prevention and treatment**
 - ✓ **D.C. public and public charter schools: \$16 million** each

Fighting for Full Home Rule

- **Legislative Autonomy: Congresswoman retitled her bill "D.C. Paperwork Reduction Act"**: First 2014 bill emphasizes eliminating the costs (in time and money) that the burdensome congressional review process for D.C. bills imposes on the city, but that Congress does not use to overturn bills – another important reason for legislative autonomy

...on the way to Statehood

- **Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) gives ringing endorsement** in announcing his cosponsorship of the D.C. statehood bill **at D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue unveiling**, even though leaders rarely cosponsor bills. Other Senate leaders on the bill are **Richard Durbin (D-IL)** and **Patty Murray (D-WA)**
- **Senate hearing on D.C. statehood this year**, the first Senate hearing on statehood in years, announced by Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), **Senate sponsor of the statehood bill**

Home-Rule Attacks Keep Coming, D.C. Keeps Winning

The Congresswoman Takes on Launch of “War on Women II”

- **Norton denied the courtesy to testify** at a hearing on a bill **targeting D.C.’s women by permanently banning D.C.** from spending its **own local funds** on abortion services, and defining D.C. as part of the federal government for purposes of abortion
- This **sweeping anti-choice bill** restricts reproductive health care for all women, including denying abortion coverage in the private insurance marketplace, among other attacks on reproductive health. Norton ready to help defeat this bill in Senate

Norton, with other Members of Congress, speaks out before a hearing on this bill, which Norton said signaled “the kickoff of the War on Women II”



Amendment to Weaken D.C. Gun Safety Laws Defeated

- House passed Sense of Congress resolution that active duty **military personnel** in their private capacity should be **exempt from D.C. gun safety laws**, but not elsewhere. **Norton kept it out** of the final Defense Authorization bill

... but the Fight Goes on

- A National Rifle Association-backed gun bill that would **wipe out D.C.’s gun safety laws** was reintroduced. Norton **kept it from moving** last Congress, and is working with her allies to do so again

Norton Leading Two Fights for Federal Workers and Contract Workers

A Victory for Low-Wage Contract Workers

- Following **efforts by Norton** and her Congressional Progressive Caucus colleagues, the President announced in his State of the Union address that he will issue an **executive order to raise the minimum wage for federal contract workers** to \$10.10
- **Company employing federal contract workers** in the Smithsonian museums announces it will allow union representation of workers after action by Norton and congressional colleagues

Norton Bill to Restore Due Process Rights to Federal Employees

- Would **overturn an unprecedented federal court decision** that strips many federal employees, some in non-security positions, of **due process** rights to independent **review** of an agency decision **removing them from a job** on national security grounds
- **Bipartisan co-sponsors** in Senate and House **increase chance for passage**

Norton’s Shutdown Back Pay Bill for Low-Wage Federal Contract Workers

The Congresswoman’s bill, with **15 cosponsors**, to grant **back pay to low-wage federal contract workers** in federal buildings for shutdown to match back pay granted to federal employees who work in the buildings

Norton's Committee Work Brings Jobs, Neighborhood Projects and Funds to D.C.

Norton Economic Development Projects Bloom Throughout the City

- After securing **\$1.4 billion for the U.S. Coast Guard headquarters** on the St. Elizabeths campus in Ward 8, Norton spoke at naming ceremony for headquarters
- The Congresswoman spoke at the lease signing for the **Old Post Office Building**, the **result of her bill** to redevelop the valuable historic site, which will bring D.C. \$100 million in tax revenue over 10 years, 700 construction jobs and 300 permanent jobs (*Source: Washington Post*)
- Congresswoman's **economic development work** results in her selection to a congressional panel on public-private partnerships



After working for more than a decade to get intercity bus service at Union Station, Congresswoman cuts the ribbon for Union Station bus deck

Norton Begins Work as Ranking Member of Highways and Transit Subcommittee



The Congresswoman test drives an electric car to learn more about new all-electric transportation technology in advance of sponsoring sessions with experts and Democratic committee members to prepare for the surface transportation reauthorization bill

- In **prime position** to bring funding for **Metrorail, bus, streetcar, bridges, roads, and bikes**, as well as environmental benefits, to D.C.
- Introduces tax bill to treat mass transit commuters the same as those who drive cars

The Congresswoman Responds to Tragic Navy Yard Shooting

Norton letter to President Obama **urges independent investigative panel**, following the tragedy that killed 12

- Says fresh post-9/11 thinking needed on how to secure federal sites in neighborhoods

The Congresswoman offered remarks and led **a moment of silence on the House floor** in memory of the victims of the Navy Yard shooting **and attended the memorial service** at the Marine Barracks

Norton Gets More Results for D.C.

Robert Wilkins, Norton's First Federal District Court Recommendation to President, Promoted to D.C. Circuit

- All seven Norton U.S. district court judge recommendations nominated by Obama
- Appoints new member to her Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission, Shirley Ann Higuchi

Norton Provision in House and Senate Protects D.C. from Terrorism

- Provision keeps key terrorist and disaster protection office from moving from D.C. to Pennsylvania

Norton Successfully Presses for USPC Reauthorization

- U.S. Parole Commission reauthorized for five years, ensuring stability for federal agency with jurisdiction over D.C. Code felons on parole and supervised release

A Victory for D.C. Political Equality

- A Norton bill took effect permitting **D.C. residents who are federal employees to run in local D.C. partisan elections as independents**, as their neighbors in Maryland and Virginia have done since the 1940s

Norton Hires Talented, Long-Term Unemployed State of the Union Guest



Norton and her State of the Union guest, Mindy Hill, at press conference to renew long-term unemployment insurance. Mindy is now an employee in Norton's district office

- ...Introduced a job creation bill to give employers a **tax credit** for hiring the **long-term unemployed**

D.C.'s Good Name

Norton introduced a **bill to rename the D.C. portion of Rock Creek Park** as "Rock Creek National Park in the District of Columbia" for its 150th anniversary next year **to highlight the park's significance** to the nation and D.C. residents

Speaking out Against the Disparaging Name of Washington's Football Team

- The Congresswoman cosponsored a bill to ban the trademark of the team name
- Called on NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to take a leadership role in addressing the name
- Spoke at a press conference with experts and the Oneida Indian Nation

In the Community



Over 2,500 District of Columbia residents attended **Norton's Job Fair** in August.



New storefront District office in new office building in **NoMa**, at 90 K St. NE, Suite 100, behind Union Station, for easy access for constituents



The Congresswoman held two well attended community meetings to help address the controversial **CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Project**



On **Veterans Day**, Norton honored two D.C. residents who were **Tuskegee Airmen**

D.C. students and parents with first-hand experience featured at Norton's **Commission on Black Men & Boys hearing on bullying**

Norton hosted "**Clean-up our History Day at Woodlawn Cemetery**," where many **historic African Americans** are buried

Has your organization brought Norton to YOUR neighborhood?

Recent "**Norton in Your Neighborhood**" events featured dialogue with residents and **up-to-the-minute information** on what is happening in Congress affecting D.C. and the rest of the country

- ANC 5C01 & 5C02, Friends of Kingman Park, ANC 4B, and Ward 5 Democrats

Make sure your ANC or community organization sponsors a Norton in Your Neighborhood.

To learn more, visit <http://norton.house.gov> or call Raven Reeder at (202) 408-9041

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