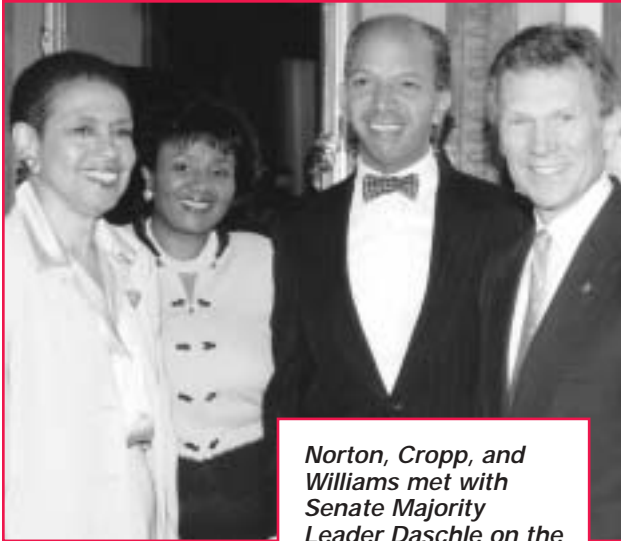




Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Summer 2002



Norton, Cropp, and Williams met with Senate Majority Leader Daschle on the Lieberman-Norton bill.

D.C. Voting Rights Bill Advances

More than 250 residents visited all Senate offices to discuss the “No Taxation Without Representation Act.” A delegation of elected officials, Board of Trade President Bob Peck, Pepco CEO John Derrick, and D.C. Chamber of Commerce President Barbara Lang met with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who is a cosponsor of the bill. Norton also praised the **Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, People For the American Way, DC Vote, and Stand Up For Democracy** for their hard work for the bill. She said, “With their support, the bill and our rights have taken a substantial, new step forward. The **No Taxation Without Representation** bill is moving in proportion to the people’s energy behind it.”

What the Bill Says—see page 2.

Two Norton Events You Can't Afford to Miss!

Job Opportunity Fair V

Friday, June 21, 2002
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where D.C. Residents Get Real Jobs!

Don't miss 30 minute workshops on *Interviewing Skills, Preparing a Resume, Completing Federal & D.C. Employment Applications, Dressing for Success* at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Washington Convention Center Hall C
9th & H Street, NW
(Use 9th Street Entrance)**

70--Plus

*Private & Federal Employers with Jobs
Job Fair For DC Residents Only*

Must Have Valid D.C. ID--
(D.C. driver's license or non-driver's license, voter registration card)

or other Proof of D.C. Residency--
(Utility bills, pay stubs, leases, etc.)

Business/professional dress

Bring Lots of Resumes & OF-612's

Metro: Metro Center–Red, Blue & Orange Lines
Gallery Place–Green, Red, & Yellow Lines

Buses: 42, 66, 68, 70, 71, 80, S2, S4 & X2

Parking: Private Lots & Limited Street Parking

Open House for Federal Help

Saturday, July 13, 2002
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

At our New N.W. District Office!

Refreshments

**One-on-One Meetings
With Federal Agencies**

Staff from Federal Agencies to help you.

- ✓ Social Security Administration
- ✓ Internal Revenue Service
- ✓ Medicare
- ✓ Immigration & Naturalization Service
- ✓ Veterans' Affairs
- ✓ Office of Personnel Management
- ✓ Bureau of Prisons
- ✓ U.S. Parole Commission
- ✓ Federal Aviation Administration
- ✓ State Department

**The National Press Building
529 14th Street, NW, Suite 900**

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Job Fair – June 21 ❖ Open House – July 13

What Does the No Taxation Without Representation Act Do?

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In the words of the Act-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled . . . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the community of American citizens who are residents of the District constituting the seat of government of the United States shall have full voting representation in the Congress.

Norton Fight Against D.C. Inequality Doesn't End with Voting Rights

The denial of voting rights in the Senate and House leads to inequality in other important federal rights and matters. Norton does not let denial of the vote delay her in pressing for equal treatment of D.C. residents now.

Begin Treating D.C. Residents as First-Class Citizens Now

❖ **Pass the Fiscal Integrity Act of 2001.** In October, Norton cosponsored this bill to allow the D.C. budget to become law upon enactment by the District government. In November, the D.C. Subcommittee passed this bill. It now has been introduced in the Senate by D.C. Appropriations Chair Senator Mary Landrieu.

❖ **Pass the Legislative Autonomy Act of 2002.** Eliminates congressional review of civil and criminal legislation passed by the D.C. Council. Currently, all acts of the Council are subjected to long delays that are costly and inconvenient to residents.

❖ **Pass D.C. Hatch Act Reform.** Eliminates the discriminatory treatment of D.C. employees under the federal Hatch Act by removing all federal provisions that apply only to the District of Columbia. Like teachers from all 50 states, D.C. teachers would be specifically exempted from

the federal Hatch Act prohibition against seeking partisan elective office. The effective date would reinstate Tom Briggs, a D.C. teacher, who lost his job at Dunbar High School. Norton also sent a letter to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board asking that Briggs be permitted to teach pending his appeal.

❖ **Pass the D.C. Coin Bill.** Provides for a quarter coin for D.C. and the territories. This bill would allow the District to design the reverse side of a quarter in the same way as the 50 states. Norton got a

similar bill passed in the House in the 106th Congress. Passage in both houses is expected this year.

❖ **Create a D.C. Stamp.** Norton got the U.S. Postal Service to include D.C. in a rare 50-state commemorative stamp program to boost travel and tourism, after the District was initially excluded.

❖ **Pass the D.C. Statue Bill.** Permits statues honoring deceased D.C. residents in Statuary Hall in the Capitol, just as statues honoring citizens of states are placed in the historic hall.

Norton Keeps D.C. Residents from Paying to Pay the IRS



These taxpayers were among more than 700 who got their tax returns prepared free of charge or received vital tax information at Norton's Tax Preparation and Information Fair. "DC residents are subject to taxation without representation. At least we can provide them with free tax assistance," Norton said. Thanks go to volunteer preparers from the IRS, D.C. Tax & Revenue, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the D.C. Bar.

Time Magazine: "D.C. Wants a Vote. Is that so Wrong?"

Excerpt from Mitch Frank Column, April 18, 2002

The nation's capital is ready for representation to go along with its taxation, if you don't mind...

In 1971, residents gained the right to elect a delegate to the House of Representatives. Peculiarly, that delegate doesn't get a vote. Eleanor Holmes Norton currently holds that job... advocating tirelessly for the people of D.C., but it is incredibly frustrating for her to not be able to truly represent her city by casting votes on the House floor. Now one of her top priorities is to change that... Why is this issue so big now? Well, for one thing, the city has a lot to be proud of lately. "When you live with an issue forever, it's very hard to energize people," says Norton. "But there's a new energy in this city."

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Norton to Expand Tax Breaks

Norton has introduced the D.C. Tax Incentives Improvement Act of 2002.

- ❖ Treats entire District of Columbia as an enterprise zone, spreading to all neighborhoods and businesses the tax breaks that have spurred development in many neighborhoods and downtown
- ❖ Makes permanent the \$5,000 homebuyer credit, to ensure continuation of the tax break that is largely responsible for enabling D.C. renters to buy and for maintaining and attracting new taxpayers to D.C.
- ❖ Helps resist economic shocks, such as 9-11 and recessions, by spurring residential and business diversity and growth

Norton Wants Federal Contribution to Prevent New Fiscal Crisis

What is Norton's Fair Federal Compensation Act?

- ❖ \$400 million or 2% of the taxes commuters already pay to the federal government would go to a D.C. infrastructure fund for roads, school construction and maintenance, debt and technology infrastructure
- ❖ No cost to commuters
- ❖ Predictable and reliable; funded without an annual appropriation; increases each year with inflation, correcting the principle weaknesses of the old federal payment

Why should D.C. get a federal contribution?

- ❖ No commuter tax from the two-thirds of workers who earn their living here
- ❖ No contribution from commuters to pay for police, fire, and services such as road repair, although 8 of 10 cars that tear up D.C. streets are not D.C. cars
- ❖ No payment from the government for the 42% of real property it uses for federal office space, facilities and land
- ❖ No ability to make up for lost revenue by building high, as other cities do, because of a congressionally mandated height limit on all city structures
- ❖ No funding for many state costs such as special education and mental health that no other city must carry alone

Fighting Terrorism

Norton Gets INS Action Against Illegal Documents

Norton recently got the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to embark on a new comprehensive law enforcement effort after she called in officials to hear complaints from Council member Jim Graham on the manufacture and sale of illegal documents in Adams Morgan. She later attended a press conference with U.S. Attorney Roscoe Howard, Jr., INS Deputy Commissioner Michael Becraft, INS Washington District Director Warren Lewis and Graham after the first arrests were made as part of a new, sustained effort to saturate the area around 16th and Columbia Road, NW. "Following the terrorist attack on our country," Norton said, "the last place in the nation where the manufacture and sale of illegal documents to undocumented immigrants and others can be tolerated is the nation's capital."

Congratulations Thomasine!



Thomasine Morrisey is a junior at H.D. Woodson High School with a 4.0 grade point average. Congresswoman Norton has selected her as a House Page. This is the first time she has had enough seniority to have her own page appointment.

A Walk Down by the Riverside



The first step is underway to develop the large, blighted but valuable parcel set to transform an entire area of Southeast Washington along M Street and to make the waterfront a livable community. Congresswoman Norton recently helped lead a tour of the Southeast Federal Center (SEFC) site with GSA National Capital Region Administrator Donald Williams and Mayor Williams. GSA is seeking a developer for the project as a result of her bill allowing private development to benefit D.C. on this federal land.

Norton's Urgent National Agenda

Norton is the only Member of Congress who must carry a full national and local agenda. Yet, she continues to be a leader in the House on national issues important to District residents and other Americans.

Here are some of her top national priorities:

- ❖ School Renovation and Construction
- ❖ Prescription Drug Benefit
- ❖ Universal Health Care
- ❖ Saving Social Security
- ❖ Affordable Day Care
- ❖ Gun Safety Legislation
- ❖ Fair Welfare Reform
- ❖ HMO Patients Bill of Rights
- ❖ Higher Minimum Wage
- ❖ Protecting the Environment

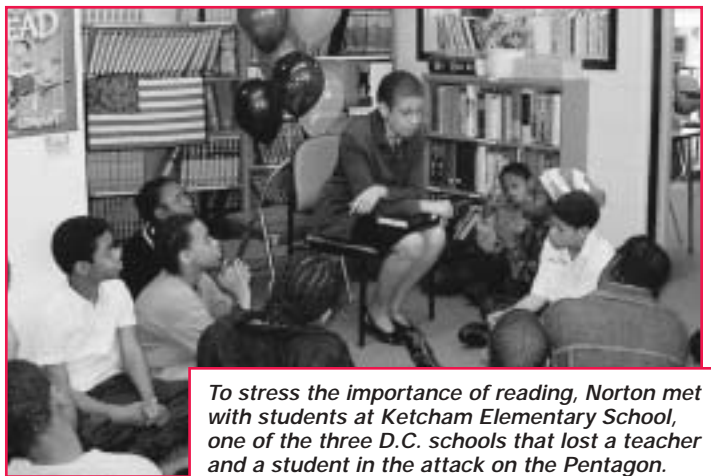
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Norton at the Head of the Class. . . .

The annual Norton College Access and Service Academy Night introduced college-bound students and parents to representatives from her D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant Program and from U.S. service academies. Students got details on Norton's newly expanded D.C. College Access Act. Here, U.S. Naval Academy officials recognize Christien Edwards, left, a student at Carroll High School, who was accepted by the Academy after Norton nominated him.



To stress the importance of reading, Norton met with students at Ketcham Elementary School, one of the three D.C. schools that lost a teacher and a student in the attack on the Pentagon.

A Leader on the Environment — Not Just on Earth Day

❖ **\$1 Billion to Prevent Sewer Overflow.** D.C. faced serious flooding this year. The city is burdened with long-term, dangerous and chronic storm water overflow problems as a result of our century-old infrastructure. Norton has requested a permanent authorization of federal funds to upgrade the city's sewer system in the 2002 Water Resources Development Act. The funding would significantly reduce sewer overflow into the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and into Rock Creek and our streets and homes.

❖ **\$5.2 Million for Spring Valley Clean-up.** As part of her continuing work to require Army Corps of Engineers clean-up of buried military munitions and chemical contamination in Spring Valley, Norton recently secured an additional \$5.2 million dollars to support the Corps' clean up efforts. In the last two years, \$31 million has been committed. Norton is awaiting a General Accounting Office (GAO) report she has requested to determine the possible health risks, the effectiveness of the Corps' ongoing efforts, and the amount of funds and time necessary for a total cleanup.

Norton Buyback Bill Responds to Gun Fights in D.C.

The Nationwide Gun Buyback Act of 2002 would provide \$100 million in federal funds to local jurisdictions to have gun buyback programs similar to programs successfully conducted by D.C. and other cities. Norton said: "Two years ago, almost a million mothers and their families gathered on the Mall to demand that Congress help protect our children and all our citizens. Some D.C. neighborhoods recently experienced gun fights in our streets. Let's buy back those guns and make our streets and our homes safer from gunfire."



Residents Respond Enthusiastically to Black Men's Commission

Hundreds of D.C. parents, black men and boys and other concerned citizens recently filled the Martin Luther King Jr. Library to hear witnesses testify before Norton's Commission on Black Men and Boys. The focus was on education and employment, and featured young black men and service providers, including Washington football All-Pro Darrell Green, seen here with the Congresswoman. Green is the founder of the Youth Life Learning Center in NE. *Coming soon: Commission to hear from witnesses and you on public safety issues facing black men.*


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