



Senator Terry Van Duyn

Terry Van Duyn was appointed in 2014 to fill the remaining term of late Senator Martin Nesbitt, a fixture in WNC politics. In November 2014, she won her own election and began her first full term representing Buncombe County's District 49 in January 2015.

As a junior member in the minority party, Van Duyn doesn't have the power or influence that Sen. Nesbitt brought to the seat, but she is a consistently strong voice on what she sees as the failings of the GOP majorities in the legislature on education, the environment, the autonomy of local governments and a host of other issues. She supports Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act, continuation of North Carolina's alternative energy tax credits and protection of the state's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS).

Though in her first term, Van Duyn was elected by her senate peers as Minority Whip. She also serves on the Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary II, State and Local Government and Ways & Means committees. She is one of the most approachable and available legislators.

Van Duyn may be new to the General Assembly, but she has been active in progressive causes in Buncombe County for years. Initiated by fighting for her son's educational needs, Van Duyn became an accomplished fundraiser and advocate for nonprofits and politicians in WNC. She has served on the Community Foundation of WNC Distribution Committee, chaired the board for Pisgah Legal Services, and volunteered as a healthcare navigator under the Affordable Care Act.

Prior to her appointment, Van Duyn was active in the Moral Monday movement, speaking at the first Mountain Moral Monday. She became the first sitting senator to have been arrested at a Moral Monday protest.

Originally from Chicago, Sen. Van Duyn, her husband, Ted, and their two children moved to Asheville in the 1990s. She retired, and their family made their home in a renovated house in Biltmore Forest.

Van Duyn was the first in her family to attend college. She earned a degree in economics at the University of Illinois and went on to work as a systems analyst for Houston-based BMC Software and Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Amdahl Corp.

For her work during part of the 2014 session, Van Duyn received a perfect score on important environmental votes as compiled by the NC League of Conservation

Voters and was awarded NCLCV's Rising Star award in 2015. For more information about the NCLCV scorecard and Van Duyn's votes, visit:

<http://nclcv.org/what/scoring/>

For information about Van Duyn's voting record on a range of issues, visit:

www.wncvotetracker.org

<http://votesmart.org/candidate/key-votes/153725/terry-van-duyn#.Vfmc8iBViko>

Sen. Van Duyn raised more than \$300,000 for her 2014 campaign. Aside from personal and family contributions, Van Duyn's top contributors include the N.C. Democratic Party, Lillian's List and Mack Pearsall. For more information about Van Duyn's political fundraising, visit:

<http://www.followthemoney.org/entity-details?eid=5854151&default=lawmaker>

<http://votesmart.org/candidate/campaign-finance/153725/terry-van-duyn#.VfmdBSBViko>

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