

# REST IN POWER: REP. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS (1951 - 2019)

Elijah Cummings, representative for Maryland's 7th District, died last night. He had served his constituents since 1996.

His passing is a huge loss for his district, his state, and our country.

Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, spoke with NPR this morning about Cummings' passing.

Check The Baltimore Sun's reporting on Cummings' death and what will become of his seat.

U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings dies; longtime Baltimore advocate was key figure in Trump impeachment inquiry

What will happen to Elijah Cummings' seat in Congress after his death? Here's what the law says.

Cummings' remarks this summer were prescient:

I'm begging the American people to pay attention to what is going on. Because if you want to have a democracy intact for your children, and your children's children, and generations yet unborn we've got to guard this moment...this is our watch. [pic.twitter.com/ShTZwbQR0P](https://pic.twitter.com/ShTZwbQR0P)

– Elijah E. Cummings (@RepCummings) July 24, 2019

He made them the day Robert Mueller testified before Congress about the Special Counsel's investigation – the evening before Trump offered a quid pro quo to Ukraine's Zelensky.

Rep. Ted Lieu noted his colleague's passing:

Deeply saddened by the passing of our colleague Elijah Cummings. He was a giant, revered by all. He taught me much when I served on Oversight my freshman year. My prayers are with Maya & Elijah's family.

And to the extent Heaven needs any oversight, I know Elijah will be there.  
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– Ted Lieu (@tedlieu) October 17, 2019

We need more public servants like Cummings, working for the people and this democracy until the end. Rest in power, sir.