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Speaker, Council Express Condolences on Passing of US Representative Elijah Cummings

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Oct. 17, 2019 – The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Seth Damon extended his condolences on Thursday to the friends and relatives of United States Representative Elijah Cummings, who passed away at the age of 68 on October 17, 2019.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation, I wish to express my grief and deepest condolences on the passing of Representative Cummings,” said 24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon.

Representative Cummings, alongside Senator Elizabeth Warren, reintroduced the Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act that included more than \$800 million per year directly for tribal governments and organizations.

“The work of Representative Cummings on the House Oversight and Reform Committee and his voice for minority and underrepresented groups will be greatly missed by the Navajo Nation and the country,” said Speaker Damon.

The 24th Navajo Nation Council, which is the legislative branch of the Navajo Nation, praised Representative Cumming’s efforts to reinforce the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the federal government.

“With the passing of Representative Cummings, we lose a strong ally for tribal nations and minority voices. We grieve with his family, friends, and the country,” said 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegate Paul Begay.

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