

# Baltimore Yearly Meeting

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Representative Elijah E. Cummings  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2163 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cummings:

In response to recent attacks on you and Baltimore, our Yearly Meeting expresses its appreciation for your public service and leadership in the U. S. House of Representatives on behalf of your constituents and our country.

At a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, held at our Annual Session last week in our 348th year, with over 200 Friends in attendance, we agreed to send this letter of appreciation to you. When Quakers make decisions together, we make our decisions in worship, and we know we have a decision only when we reach unity, that is, when there is no dissent.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting is a regional community of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) that includes over 6,000 people in 50 local Quaker Meetings in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. Within your Congressional District, we have three Quaker Meetings: Homewood (3107 N. Charles), Gunpowder (Sparks), and Patapsco (Ellicott City), as well as many individuals who live in your district and participate in nearby Meetings, including Baltimore-Stony Run and Sandy Spring. Several Friends from Patapsco and Sandy Spring Meetings participated in the Courageous Conversations in Howard County, which you helped initiate. In addition, many youth in your district, not all of them Quaker, participate in our summer camps.

Love and Light,



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