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Dear GD-SIS members,

I hope you are all keeping safe, healthy, and happy. You may be noticing a slightly different look this issue courtesy of my less than luxurious home office tech setup. Like so many, our library shut down in March and we have not been back in the office since. I'm looking forward to the time when we can safely offer in-person services to all of our students as well as the wider community in Newark.

This is a difficult time for a lot of us, but it is also a time when many of us who are able are looking to find ways to help. In that spirit, please consider taking a look at this list of [community bail funds](#) from the National Bail Fund Network, as well as the list of [Covid-19 mutual aid funds](#) compiled by Georgetown Law Worker's Rights institute.

Wishing you all the best,

Rebecca Kunkel

Chair's Message**Pat Behles****Government Documents and Reference Librarian****University of Baltimore Law Library**

It [is] the best of times, it [is] the worst of times. I hope you all have been managing well these last few months. Being home and trying to continue to support our programs and patrons and now planning for the next phase when our libraries can open again ... or will they? ... that is the norm.

In addition to teleworking, I have been preparing to retire. The university offered incentives to retire and in February I decided to leave at the end of June after 40 years. Then a few weeks later shutdown occurred. We have been able to go into the library one or two designated days a month to fetch work. Bringing files to go through and boxes of work to complete and then schlep back what is left is filling telework days. Preparing documents on all aspects of the workings of the department to provide a smooth transition—whenever they can replace my position, or for the current personnel who inherits my responsibilities is another activity. The library is in luck because the library associate who checks in the documents has been performing these duties for a long time.

As I write this, I am still hoping for one or two more days to get some problems solved and tidy up things. What I miss most is the possibility of seeing my colleagues. Zoom is nice but doesn't take the place of in-person contact. And the same can be said for my chapter, LLAM, friends and those in GD-SIS. I will still be active in both (and on the board of GD-SIS) but who knows when we can get together again. Perhaps in Cleveland.

What will it look like when libraries reopen? I hope you will share your stories with all of us via [Jurisdocs](#) or via the GD-SIS communities.

Normally we would be getting ready for New Orleans ... planning our days from the published agenda ... looking forward to the GD-SIS breakfast, planning touristy things to do in down time. I know I was looking forward to seeing friends and eating beignets (mmm), sampling some fresh poured New Orleans beer or maybe a hurricane (mmm) :-). For those wanting to take a tour, see <https://www.xplorit.com/new-orleans>. We will now look forward to next year in Cleveland ... exploring Rock & Roll and Art Museums, local breweries and maybe seeking the "Christmas Story" movie house.

Take a look at the agenda of the virtual meeting that is now being offered in July. At this point, we are still awaiting word from AALL whether our selected program on UELMA will be part of this virtual meeting. If you don't see it, stay tuned as we may investigate offering the program as a webinar.

A quote from Mason Cooley "Reading gives us a place to go when we have to stay where we are" seems apropos.

Elijah Cummings, 1951-2019—Bibliography of Legislative Success

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Congressman Cummings served in the U.S. Congress, from 1996 until his recent death, representing Maryland. After being elected to the One Hundred Fourth Congress by special election, he would go on to be reelected to the twelve succeeding Congresses, serving 23 years. Legislators are often judged by the legislation they draft, sponsor, and pass. During his long-standing Congressional career in Congress, Cummings sponsored 214 bills, 14 of which became public laws, and had a success rate of 6.5%.

Here is a bibliography of those laws as listed in Cummings' Member Profile on [ProQuest Congressional](#). The public law citations are linked to [Congress.gov](#). Cummings' legislation includes recurring topics advocating for federal workers and government reform.

116th Congress (2019-2020)

Bills Sponsored= 32 Made into Laws= 0

115th Congress (2017-2018)

Bills Sponsored= 20 Made into Laws= 2

[Pub. L. No. 115-84](#), A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account, and for other purposes

[Pub. L. No. 115-195](#), A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for judicial review of certain Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes

114th Congress (2015-2016)

Bills Sponsored= 22 Made into Laws= 0

113th Congress (2013-2014)

Bills Sponsored= 16 Made into Laws= 2

[Pub. L. No. 113-170](#), A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes

[Pub. L. No. 113-187](#), A bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes

112th Congress (2011-2012)

Bills Sponsored= 16 Made into Laws= 0

111th Congress (2009-2010)

Bills Sponsored= 19 Made into Laws= 1

[Pub. L. No. 111-301](#), A bill to designate the Federal building located at 6401 Security Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Robert M. Ball Federal Building"

110th Congress (2007-2008)

Bills Sponsored= 23 Made into Laws= 0

109th Congress (2005-2006)

Bills Sponsored= 19 Made into Laws= 1

[Pub. L. No. 109-200](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the 'Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building'

[Pub. L. No. 109-257](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the 'State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building'

[Pub. L. No. 109-327](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the 'United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office'

108th Congress (2003-2004)

Bills Sponsored= 17 Made into Laws= 1

[Pub. L. No. 108-122](#), A joint resolution recognizing the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Baltimore, Maryland, as the official national museum of dentistry in the United States.

107th Congress (2001-2002)

Bills Sponsored= 4 Made into Laws= 0

106th Congress (1999-2000)

Bills Sponsored= 15 Made into Laws= 7

[Pub. L. No. 106-56](#), A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

[Pub. L. No. 106-394](#), A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, concerning the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, to enable the Federal Government to enroll an employee and his or her family in the FEHB Program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee but the employee fails to provide the coverage, and for other purposes.

[Pub. L. No. 106-334](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 Dolfield Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Sr. Post Office Building."

[Pub. L. No. 106-335](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1908 North Ellamont Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Dr. Flossie McClain Dedmond Post Office Building".

[Pub. L. No. 106-438](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building".

[Pub. L. No. 106-439](#), A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Frederick Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. Post Office Building".

105th Congress (1997-1998)

Bills Sponsored= 11 Made into Laws= 0

104th Congress (1995-1996)

Bills Sponsored= 0 Made into Laws= 0

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