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Thank you,

Lewis Pipkin

It has come to my attention that The DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, which oversees the street vending program, is pushing new rules and regulations.

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These trucks put forth food of a very high quality and a diversity far superior to both the hot dog carts that populate our streets and the soulless franchises that emphasize profit over health. I have enjoyed the wide variety of trucks and also plan to share my opinion with my elected officials.

Thank you.

Chris Pabon
5315 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20015

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Thank you,

Shana Deitch

As a DC resident (Ward 6) that works in the city, I have found the food trucks that have recently begun to operate downtown (e.g., el Floridino, Sauca, Frojol Bros., etc. as well as innovative mobile vendors such as the burrito cart at McPhearson Square and the Korean Bulgogi at 14th & L) to be one of the best new additions to the DC food landscape, and to my experience as a worker in downtown DC.

I am writing to lend my full support to the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue to offer their vital innovation to the DC dining options.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would place undue limitations on food trucks.

Please pass the regulation as written and allow the food trucks to continue to use their entrepreneurial spirit bringing the intersection of social media delicious food to the District.

Thank You,
Allen Fawcett

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Thank you,

Carla J. Hunter

I am writing in support of the trucks, because the prices have gotten out of hand in brick and mortar establishments which close up anyway after 3 pm on weekdays and are not open at night.

I think this is healthy competition for the sandwich shops who sell an inferior product at an absurd price. I bet the stores that are the most vocal are the ones that fall into that category. In short please allow the food trucks to operate because they create buzz which drives people to go out to eat again.

Thank you for your time,
Michele McDermott

As a Maryland resident who works and "plays" in DC, I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

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Jade Wilson

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Cristina Vasquez

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Sheila Cutchlow

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Tracey Enright

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Marilyn Wilson

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Ryan Sullivan

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Thank you,

Andrew Poncher

As a resident of the District of Columbia, I have been greatly encouraged by the development of a robust fleet of mobile food vendors throughout the city.

I heartily support Title 24, Chapter 5 of the DCRA regulations as proposed. These regulations will allow this fabulous service to develop and evolve, which will in turn provide citizens of the District a much wider range of options for food service.

Please make sure that these services are allowed to grow and thrive in our city.

Best regards,
Tara McCook Segal
1840 Biltmore Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

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Tracey McGovern

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Thank you,

Jeff Stockdale

I love my cupcake truck, my Banh Mi sandwiches, my beans and rice, and the many other diverse foods provided to DC residents and workers via independently owned food trucks. Their spirit of entrepreneurship and service should be admired and supported by the City of Washington D.C.

I support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay and thrive in D.C. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks.

Many thanks,
Mary Ellen Flannery

I live in Ward 2 (Shaw) and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks.

Why would you?? DC has been without proper mobile vending while every other city in America has undergone a cultural revolution in the name of high quality, locally sourced food for the people. Not only does this support thriving local business but it encourages inexpensive and natural food alternatives. Where do you think the hot dogs on 18th Street NW come from? Not local farmers, I can assure you.

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Thank you,
Brendan

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Tina Krivorotova

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We need this culinary diversity, especially in SW DC, as our food choices are very limited.

Please keep the mobile food vendors and food trucks operational in DC!

Thank you,

Gaya Harriman

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John T. Pivik

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Thank you,
Allison Bohm
1409 15th Street, NW
Washington DC 20005

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Thank you,

Jay Park

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers. I filled out the survey online, and I hope that my answers will help expand the mobile food vendor options in DC. LA, New York, Chicago, etc. all have vibrant mobile food vendor scenes, and I hope we can add DC to that list!

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Alison Babb
70 I St. SE
Washington, DC 20003

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Thomas MacDonald

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Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city. Mobile vendors and food trucks help to create a vibrant street and food culture in the District and should be protected.

Thank you,

Allison Waxler

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Allahna Esber

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Thank you,

Ainslie Harrison

As a long term Ward 1 resident, I welcome and support the food trucks in our city at home and at work. Please save the food trucks, they pose no threat to restaurants and add interesting food, street life and variety to the District.

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Jennifer Dlugosz

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Bo Montgomery

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Craig Arnoff

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Thank you,

Courtney Dredden

I am a partner in two traditional bricks/mortar restaurants in the District. I also have a restaurant consulting and development firm.

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I do not believe that food trucks are a threat to restaurants. As restaurateurs, or as truck operators, it is our burden to give great food, great service, and great value—and if we don't, our competition will.

Of course there should be sensible guidelines relating to Food Trucks just like Restaurants, but these regulations should not prevent or create hurdles for food truck operators. It will enhance our city to have high caliber culinarians offering streetfood—whether via trucks or carts or rickshaws: the typical hotdog cart does nothing for our health, nor our culinary creativity, and food trucks can create more jobs than hotdog carts. Not that I have any specific problem with hot dog carts, but they haven't evolved, and evolution is a great thing when it comes to offering food and beverage to the public in ways the public wants and craves.

Best regards,

Dan Simons

I am a DC resident who also works in DC.

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Bona Park
3500 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

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Daria Turner

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Thank you,

Sincerely,

Theo Harding

Over 12 years ago I founded SwapDrive, a software engineering company that specializes in security. In 1999, my partner and I decided to make DC SwapDrive's home, so we renovated a historic office building near Metro Center in a HUD area. We chose DC because of the energy and uniqueness the city offered.

In 2008, SwapDrive had become the largest online backup provider in the world and was purchased by Symantec (Norton) in the largest private business transaction in DC that year. SwapDrive last decade and Symantec today continue to provide tax dollars, pride and employment to Washington, DC.

I recently left Symantec and decided to start a new business - again in the city I have grown to love and enjoy. The new business is a unique mobile food vending cart called District Taco. Our vision was to start in the Washington and expand throughout the area - and beyond.

Unfortunately, because of the current regulations restricting mobile vending carts in DC, 'District' Taco has been restricted to Arlington, Virginia, and only special events in DC. The business in Arlington has been tremendously successful. We have even recently been nominated by the Food Network as a contestant vying to appear in their Great Food Truck Race on television, and we are also working towards opening our first 'brick and mortar' store in September.

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Furthermore, other cities, such as Boston, NYC, LA and San Francisco have had huge success in allowing unique and original food trucks and carts do business on their streets. Let's show them that DC can be a leader in the up and coming, entrepreneurial food truck industry as well.

Sincerely,
Marc Wallace
Owner
District Taco

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Please do not stifle entrepreneurial spirit! Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Paul Krzych
Ward 5
Brookland

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Thank you,
Renee Matthews

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more delicious food choices -- like lobster rolls! -- and value to consumers.

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Thank you,

Katie Andriulli

I wish to express my strong support for the current wording of this proposed DCRA regulation – which will permit mobile food vendors to remain in the District and continue to provide the service I have come to rely on.

I am generally limited to 30 minutes for lunch and some days, even that is a stretch... the many available food trucks and carts allow me, at least some days of the week, to get food in a short time frame that's both higher quality and healthier than much of the fast food fare in the downtown area. I simply don't have the time to sit down and have a nice meal for lunch, and without the food trucks, my options would be much bleaker.

But more important than my own appreciation for the trucks is simply that there's no good reason I can find to limit or prevent this sort of vending in the city. They provide a valuable service to consumers, a vibrant economic benefit and, frankly, a cultural boon that makes finding lunch a more pleasant and positive experience. I like supporting these local businesses far more than spending my money in national chain restaurants (even franchised ones), and I would be very disappointed to see them killed by legislation.

More vendors in this space can only be good, and I hope the City Council will agree and leave the regulation intact so that this ecosystem can thrive or fail on the basis of it's merits and fair competition.

Thank you very much,
Kerry Benton
Resident, Ward 3

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Daniel Salisbury
Resident Ward 1

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I also want to add that having mobile vendors creates competition, which will make some businesses step up and improve the quality and quantity of their offerings. We consumers get tired of the same thing all day every day, and are willing to venture away from those permanent businesses to get what we want.

We should not have to be limited because the sweets offered from a mobile truck are better than the ones at the local restaurant or bakery. Do not allow these business owners turn their trade into a monopoly.

Thank you,

Ms. Shawn A. Ford

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Thank you,

Patrick J Clemins
1300 13th Street NW

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Daniel Fromm

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Gina Krump
DC Resident

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Terry A. Cook

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Catherine Andrews