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Thank you,

Adria Lopez
DC Resident

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Kyle Donnellon

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Thank you,

Milan Rodriguez
devoted Curbside Cupcake, FojolBros, and Sweetbites Truck fan

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Emily Fishman

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Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. As DC continues to grow and thrive our community of small businesses and entrepreneurs should be supported and allowed to prosper as well.

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Thank you,
Veronica Relph

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. As a DC resident I find the options for niche foods a refreshing change to the normal lunchtime offerings. I also feel that it does not lessen the amount that I go out to restaurants in DC.

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Cathleen Moore

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I love having the choice for great, new and innovative fresh food. It is good to have a variety of choices from the same expensive sandwich shops and chain food establishments.

I am a DC resident of ward 2 and would be very disappointed if the food trucks were stopped. I also work at Metro Center and frequent the food trucks weekly.

Thank you,

Jill Larvo

Having traveled to many cities across the world, places that have a diversity of restaurants and street/mobile vendors are some of the best places I have visited. As well, these all stakeholders benefit in the long run - better food, more engaged consumers, and more tax revenue for the government.

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Thank you,
Thomas L. Shields

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Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. In many ways, mobile food trucks represent the only real culinary innovation in a city burdened by high commercial real estate prices and a saturation of corporate chains.

Besides, it's not as if the spread of mobile food trucks means the end of restaurants as we know it. In fact, if it does mean one less Five Guys/Potbelly's/Starbucks/McDonalds/Au Bon Pain/Pain Quotidien/Cosi's, then I am all for it. There is too much of that crap anyway and corporate fast food conglomerates could stand to face a little more competition.

And even if we suppose for an instance that half the restaurants in DC would close as a result of food trucks; it would not represent the end of the world. Commercial real estate prices would drop, encouraging all sorts of local economic innovation. The death of fast food - replaced by an even faster food; food that comes to you - in my opinion does not represent a step back, even if it is unlikely to happen.

So, in summarizing, please don't give in to the corporate food giants, who wouldn't think twice about putting local businesses owners out on the street. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city.

Sincerely

Sam Knight

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Thank you,
Blakely Elizabeth Whilden

I am writing to indicate my support for Title 24 Ch 5. The food trucks in DC have provided something that this vibrant city had been missing: a varied street food culture. I hope to see more food trucks and unique street food vendors in DC, akin to those in I've seen in NYC and other major cities around the world.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Tracy Martin

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Jennifer Snyder

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Caleb Shoenhard

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Thank you,

Caity Annibell

I am doing the old-fashioned thing and writing in support of the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 - the one that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC.

I love mobile vendors. As a recently transplant to DC from New York, I can attest to the giddy fun of mobile vendors. The low overhead and market mobility seem to draw out the entrepreneur in everyone, resulting in a remarkable and often delightfully bizarre selection of foods and services that reflect the tremendous diversity of the city and its residents. Korean Tacos? Why not! Belgian waffles? Who doesn't love them? Empanadas, cupcakes, sushi, ice cream, Indian - everything comes better on a truck - and because of the low overhead, it comes at great prices.

Please don't allow the big guys to muscle out the little guys. Please don't allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks.

I admit it, I'm biased. I want DC to be home to the same incredibly vibrant food culture that I had back in NYC. And even worse, I practically have skin in the game - I work down the hall from someone who is trying to get his food truck business off the ground. Perhaps you've heard of them - Pleasant Pops. Two guys in their mid-twenties, an empty storefront in Mt. Pleasant, and a really, really big freezer (I've seen pictures). They work full time at their office jobs and spend the evening churning out delicious popsicles that sell out every weekend. This to me is the spirit of this country, and the spirit of our city - people working twice as hard to do what they love and adding diversity to all of our lives.

Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city. Everyone was a little guy once.

Thank you,

Katherine Maher

I live in Woodley Park, and work near Franklin Park. I enthusiastically support the restaurants in DC. But I welcome the variety and vibrancy food trucks bring to my neighborhoods, and believe that they enhance the culture of the city.

I find myself eating out more than ever before as I am excited about the many options. So 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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Thank you for listening,

Jennifer Lichy

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Thank you,

Joshua Bard

I'm writing as a DC taxpayer and resident to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 allowing mobile vendors to stay in DC. These vendors are a pivotal part of DC's lunch culture and offer a wide variety of affordable choices not found in many brick and mortar restaurants.

Please do not limit what and where these vendors can offer their offerings, the long lines out from of each and every one of them are a testament to how their customers such as me feel about them.

Sincerely,
Dan Finnegan

I believe that food trucks and mobile food vendors are critical components of a vibrant urban food culture, so I am writing to support the proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5, which will allow mobile vendors to stay in the District and continue to offer more choices and better value to consumers.

Other cities across the country clearly recognize the value of mobile food vendors, as evidenced by their thriving food truck cultures. D.C. residents are only beginning to enjoy the variety and value offered by such vendors, and it would be a black mark against this city to so irrevocably damage an industry that offers so much to area residents.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these languages that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. I strongly urge the City Council to pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing small business vending options in the city.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Devin Drumheller

I am writing to recommend that any changes to vending regulations continue to allow motorized food trucks to serve food to the DC population. I believe that competition results in better products offered at more affordable prices; as a consumer, I believe that the food trucks have succeeded in offering healthy food options to complement the offerings from purveyors in physical locations.

Provided that these food trucks meet public health requirements, any efforts to curtail their services will be detrimental to the population. The free markets have allowed food trucks to provide DC residents with more diversified options, and I strongly recommend that any restaurants that seek to quash these enterprises should review and improve their offerings to the population, rather than try to limit our choices.

Respectfully yours,

Bob Viégas
2020½ Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20008

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Tanya Wood

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Nina Dang

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Thank you,

James Wilderotter
424 5th Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

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Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. These food trucks bring diverse food options to DC residents and commuters, and have been profiled in national magazines, which promotes tourism.

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Thank you,

Courtney Ruark

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Thank you,
Chris Tamigi

I support the current DCRA regulations to allow vendors to stay in DC. We need more street vendors, not less. Any introduction of discriminatory language to limit food trucks would be a loss to the district. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city.

Thank you,
Mark Delich

I am a DC resident and 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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Thank you,
Jan Brodeur

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 am a Vietnamese immigrant (since 1975) and American citizen, and I know many families who started their vending truck businesses in DC when they immigrated to the United States. This is their livelihood, so let's keep Americans working and contributing to the economy.

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Justine Nguyen

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Numerous other cities throughout the United States have started to embrace these small businesses. And for those, like me, who work downtown and like having varied vendor options throughout the week really look forward to their visits. Moreover, it brings a certain charm to the city, seeing tourists and locals alike sharing in a fun and different spin on lunch and dinner options. Therefore, please allow these small businesses to operate in a safe and regulated manner.

Thank you,

Anthony Del Monaco

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As the District of Columbia (residents, business leaders and government) increases its efforts to become a more vibrant and innovative international city, it is important that we AVOID opportunities to:

- 1) Concentrate the benefits of such legislation to one party (sit down restaurants) and therefore
- 2) Disperse the costs to those (mobile vendors) looking for innovative and creative ways to offer goods and services to the consumer.

We should strive to support our local businesses and those who in their own way look to make the District and its residents, businesses, and culture visible to others.

Paul Peregrino

I am Washington DC resident. Protecting the current street vendor monopoly is an outrage.
Change the rules now.

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Thank you,
Chip Gaskins

I work in a small office in downtown DC. Some days I don't go out and get lunch, because I'm tired of the same ole food.

Now that I learn about the DC Trucks, I get out more, I look forward to walking to their location, and meeting new people. And it's something just get me out of my office with out sitting at my desk all day...

SO PLEASE KEEP THE DC FOOD TRUCK!!!!

Thank you and you have a nice day.

Donya C. Whitters

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.

DC's mobile food vendors bring a vibrancy, community and sense of fun - not to mention delicious food - to our city's streets. They are a low-cost way for entrepreneurs to enter the market, test their products and build a following. Their popularity demonstrates the public's desire for greater variety in freshly prepared food options. Brick-and-mortar restaurants should see this as healthy competition, challenging them to step up their game, not an opportunity to squash innovation and shut mobile vendors out of the market. And perhaps traditional restaurants can take a page from the food trucks' book and open their own mobile operation.

After all, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

The food-on-wheels trend is sweeping the country (as evidenced by a new Food Network show, The Great Food Truck Race) and it would be a shame for DC to stand out in a negative way - as the city that threw up new barriers to limit mobile food vendors from operating. Surely DC is big enough to accommodate all types of food purveyors.

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Thank you,
Karen Sippel

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 work in DC and appreciate the diversity in lunch options that mobile vendors allow.

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Crompton

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 work in DC and have been an enthusiastic supporter and participant in the recent increase in "food truck" culture. They have been an enormous benefit to DC residents and workers.

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Thank you,

Jill Siegelbaum

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Thank you,

Rachel Manwill

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Lisa D. Shapiro

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Thank you,

Kristina Pflanz

Please allow food trucks to continue and grow our city's curbside lunch options! I've been working downtown (from Metro Center to Georgetown) since 1991 and I was so pleased when food trucks with fresh, interesting, varied lunch options started showing up on our streets. A person can only eat so many half smokes, delicious and indigenous as they may be.

Also, I believe in the power of small business and good ideas, and independent food trucks (or extensions of independent restaurants) will only help create jobs and revenue in DC. Any taxable entity (NOT the federal government) is a small building block toward providing DC with a viable tax base and we should welcome all of them.

Finally, it is good for the city's image with both residents and tourists to show off the diverse array of cultures who have made homes for themselves in DC and to be part of the nationwide foodtruck trend with cities such as LA, Chicago, and New York.

I was a city resident from 1991 to 2005, and still hope to move back to town from Silver Spring if I can ever afford it.

BTW, I also support a commuter tax to fund Metro, even though I would be dramatically affected. A city can't run a world class transit agency if it's underfunded. No other tri-state area even attempts to do so.

Carolyn Mozdén

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Thank you,

Lesley Langa

I am a DC resident 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. Food trucks have added a great vibrancy to this city. Moving here from Boston, my biggest complaint has been the lack of good low cost food options around the city. Mobile vendors have done a great job stepping in and filling this void.

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Thank you,

Steven Dean

I am writing to voice my concern that food trucks have a fair chance of success in DC. They have revolutionized lunchtime food options and brought new excitement to DC. Please do everything in your power to let them operate mobily across the city.

David Garber
DC 20003

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Thank you,
Steve Fleckenstein

I am a customer of Curbside Cupcakes 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. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Emily R. Longvall

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Thank you,

Sonny Choudhury

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors like Fojol Brothers, et al., to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

Please do not allow the introduction of discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. This is clearly a situation where some bullying factions are attempting to stifle creativity and innovation. Our nation's capital should embrace the mobile food truck movement and seek to regulate in a fair evenhanded manner.

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Respectfully,

Brian C. Plessner

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Julia Villacorta

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Thank you,

Jeremy P. Monteiro

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've living in DC for six years now, and have been amazed at how its food culture has grown. A big, big part of that growth depends on it growing from the ground up--cheap eats on trucks beget finer eats in restaurants.

In Philadelphia, where I used to live, some of the most-loved food trucks eventually opened up their own restaurants. Allowing a vibrant food truck culture lets food entrepreneurs test out ideas, grow businesses, and eventually expand them into DC's blossoming restaurant culture. This is good business, and good eating!

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Thank you,

Former bartender, waiter and busboy and current food truck lover,
Drew Armstrong