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I am a resident of Dupont Circle and I work downtown near Farragut North. I routinely get lunch from food trucks which park near Farragut square. The food trucks that visit offer downtown office workers like me a nice change from the local sandwich shops who rarely change their menus.

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Thank you,

Amy Schatz
1416 21st St NW
Washington DC 20036

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Thank you,

Christina Leppo

My name is Justin Grimes and I'm a resident of District of Columbia (Columbia Heights) and I am a regular customer of several food trucks that do business in the greater DC area (Sauca, Red Hook Lobster, Pleasant Pops, etc).

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Bryan K. Randolph
505 Rhode Island Ave NW

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Sahar Javadi

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The food trucks are a fabulous addition to the lunch options in downtown DC. They bring new food options that are not offered by local brick and mortar establishments at reasonable prices. They have also engendered a sense of community among food truck devotees on social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook as well as in line at the curb.

Caving to the demands of a few outspoken brick and mortar restaurants would be a great disservice to the food trucks, their fans, and DC in general. The food trucks are a reflection of the great entrepreneurial culture we have here in DC and it would be a shame to see that culture impeded or snuffed out.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Andrea Caumont
Arlington, Va.

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Jason Cragg
DC Resident, Chinatown

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Mobile food trucks add to the fabric of our city. DC is among the few cities of its size that does not have a thriving food truck culture, and we, its residents and those who work here, suffer from the lack of alternatives and choices.

Thank you,

Madhu Unnikrishnan
Capitol Hill

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Blake J. Bowyer

I am a customer of Curbside Cupcakes, DC Slices, and Sweetbites 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.

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Cassandra Kaiser

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Katharine S. Mannix

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Carrie Chew

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 living in the U Street area and working downtown, I have been able to see the amazing benefit that food trucks have brought to my neighborhoods. I used to bring my lunch to work almost everyday. Now, I enjoy going to different food trucks whenever the stop by Franklin Square or Metro Center. Not only that, but because food trucks can move around, they bring a whole new variety of interesting, quality foods to places all over the city.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. It's simply anti-competitive. It's not fair to limit the places food trucks can distribute their product. If people are coming to them to get food, they obviously like the product. And limiting where they can serve would be a disservice to consumers. If food trucks park legally, they should be able to serve their food wherever they want to.

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Gabe Rich

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 help promote DC's image as a cosmopolitan place to live, and I can proudly say to my New York friends that DC is no backwater, look, we have a Korean taco truck. In all seriousness, this is the multicultural image you want to promote, it's how cities grow, and it's the reason there are currently 4 reality shows about DC on television.

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Porter McConnell
2651 16th St, NW
Washington, DC 20009

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Doug Rashid

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Claudia Fabiano

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Thank you,

Casey Langwith
Resident of 1602 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

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Thomas Flores, Ward 1

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Thank you,

Lauren Oing
DC Resident

I work at New Jersey Ave NW and there are a limited number of traditional restaurants nearby. While I go to the restaurants sometimes, the choice of lunchtime eateries really gets boring and I had started to carry my lunch from home.

DC should certainly collect taxes from the food trucks, but please don't enact restrictions that would restrict the variety and fun these mobile food distributors have inserted into the work day!

Mary Traeger Pascale

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Thank you,

Peter Svensson

I just heard that there is a proposal to edit title 24, chapter 5 in a way that would discriminate against the food truck businesses. Please do not discriminate against food trucks.

Food trucks offer cost effective and convenient lunch options for office workers. In fact, I wish we had more food trucks and carts. In NYC, for instance, there are amazing falafel carts all over town - as well as coffee and donut carts in the mornings. DC would do well to support small businesses like these.

Thank you.

Eryn Starun
DC resident

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703 6th St NW
Washington DC 20001

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Thank you,

Daniel D. Vieira

I am a resident of the District of Columbia writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that allows mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to DC residents and visitors alike.

The introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations would limit mobile vendors or food trucks and should not be allowed. As a transplanted New Yorker who now calls DC home, I love the options, convenience and flexibility these trucks provide.

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Marisel Morales

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Thank you,

Kathleen Thompson

I am writing to express my support for the food truck industry in Washington, DC. These mobile food vendors should be protected, and indeed encouraged, by the city council and the health department. These food trucks represent creative alternatives for the lunch crowd of the DC area. Such options allow both residents and guests the opportunity to enjoy diverse meals at a low cost. These trucks should be expected to adhere to the same food safety, health regulations, and permit processes as brick and mortar operations. With those requirements met, the food trucks should be allowed to operate unimpeded.

A vibrant food truck industry reflects an understanding of the current American culinary landscape and embraces it in our town. People are able to explore new foods at a low prices. This combination allows food trucks to be an excellent alternative to the common lunch. DC should portray itself to both visitors and residents as a culinary destination that is willing to take risks and embrace entrepreneurs.

Please carefully consider the regulations against food trucks. They are a big part of our city and they should stay!

David Slentz

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I have worked in the Union Station area (Northwest) for many years. We are so very bored by our standard lunchtime options (over-priced sandwiches and salads). Please don't take the food carts away from us. Over the last 6 months we've had some new and exciting lunchtime options. It's been wonderful. There are always lines of people waiting for a little more variety in their diets.

Allow us to decide for ourselves (with our wallets) what we want to eat – don't force choices upon us because of purely lobby-driven and discriminatory legislation.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Greenbaum

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Thank you,
Christina Rowland

I am writing to express my support for the rights of mobile vendors to operate in Washington, DC. I find it concerning that the DC government would consider restricting such a vibrant and growing small business segment right now.

If mobile vendors were so numerous that they overwhelmed the sidewalk and created problematic congestion, then I could see the issue, but that is certainly not the case. If mobile vendors are simply taking business away from brick and mortar restaurants because they provide consumers with a better product, then that is as it should be.

Best

Josh Wood

I write to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5. My understanding is that it will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue to supply delicious lunch choices. As a DC resident and government employee, it's easy for me to get stuck in a rut and continue with business as usual. The lunch trucks that visit my work neighborhood help me venture away from my rut and add a little extra fun and good food to my day.

Not only do the mobile vendors provide culinary AND emotional sustenance for so many government workers, they also improve the local economy. For example, after 2.5 years working at my current location, I'm rather bored with my current lunch choices. Therefore, I bring my lunch every day. But when I hear that a lunch truck is down the street, I have no problem passing on my own brown bag lunch, and patronizing the mobile vendor. I am spending money to support a local business that I otherwise wouldn't spend. This is good for DC.

On that note, please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into the Title 24 Chapter 5 regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks.

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Thank you!

Erin Claybaugh

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 don't always have the ability to go out to lunch, but the mobile food trucks provide an amazing alternative -- there are only so many times I can microwave a meal. The entire office now follows the cupcake truck and I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of lobster rolls & authentic poutine in DC. Friends around the world are so envious of these mobile culinary vendors.

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Sheila Duffy