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As an office worker nearby L'Enfant Plaza, I was disappointed to learn that the new proposed regulations, as written, would prevent food trucks from vending at one of the most popular sites at L'Enfant Plaza.

The area that I work in has only a few dining locations, even fewer of which offer healthy, satisfactory meals for a reasonable price. Food trucks offer food diversity to people working in these locations.

I strongly ask that the Council reconsider regulations that would prevent food trucks from vending in the most popular vending locations as noted in the DC Food Truck Association's map. If the regulations are not rewritten, please at least provide explicit exemptions on in the locations on the map.

(http://www.washingtonpost.com/rf/image_606w/2010-2019/WashingtonPost/2012/11/07/Food/Images/food%20truck%20association%20sidewalk%20map.jpg?uuid=6gny1CkyEeK6su2imVA2hA)

Please realize that the vending locations are popular because the food trucks are catering to a genuine need among the DC population; if local building dining options were sufficient in those areas then the food trucks would have no patrons. Allowing food trucks to vend in these locations is not only protecting the food truck owners, but also DC citizens, commuters, and tourists who also benefit greatly from their services.

Thank you.

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