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Food Trucks are food for our community and economy. They offer District residents and workers popular choices and competition through a variety of great cuisine at great prices, adding to the vibrancy of downtown and creating hundreds of jobs. They are also popular with tourists and suburbanites who visit the city.

These benefits could be lost if your current proposal is adopted. Your proposal grants new, sweeping powers to unelected District Department of Transportation officials to decide where food trucks can and cannot serve customers. You are also proposing to restrict food trucks where there is less than 10 feet of "unobstructed" sidewalk -- without clearly defining what an "obstruction" is and threatening to limit food trucks in popular parts of downtown. My most common food truck location, Union Station, is potentially impacted, despite copious sidewalk space.

We should be working together to improve choices, quality, safety, and value for consumers, not limit them. Please work with the Food Truck Association and all the members of our community to put forward food truck regulations that are clear, tailored to address specific needs and real public safety concerns and make common sense.

We Need Food Truck Rules That Work!

Sincerely,

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