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I am adamantly petitioning for Food Trucks in D.C. after hearing about the possible new regulations that may be put in place. It's not clear as to why this would be, as food trucks have brought a community and an economy which has not harmed but added to the District. Not only is it a draw to residents, but provides workers with choices and competition through a variety of great cuisine at great prices, adding to the vibrancy of downtown and creating hundreds of jobs.

ALL of 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.

A community should work 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 make common sense.

We Need Food Truck Rules That Work!

Sincerely,
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