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Mr. Gil,

My name is John Goodwin and I'm the owner/operator of Torries at Wilson's restaurant in the District. I've been active in revitalizing the Howard University area through several grassroots campaigns. I have helped many District residents through second chance programs and other avenues get their lives back on track and become upstanding citizens as well as entrepreneurs, operating in the District.

I was saddened to learn of the newly proposed regulations regarding food trucks. I have shared my kitchen over the years with some start-up food trucks that have done well, and some even continuing on to open brick and mortar restaurants in DC. I have witnessed these trucks employ many DC residents, use DC based purveyors, and DC services all the while bringing life to underutilized areas of the District. I feel that these regulation would put many of these young entrepreneurs out of business. I urge the District to listen to these food truck owners and come up with regulations that make more sense than merely dumping a task on DDOT. We do not want to see these taxed businesses and jobs move out of the District. The more varied and vibrant businesses operating in the District makes ALL of us better.

I am a brick and mortar restaurateur that wants the District to keep the food truck regulations as fair as possible!

John Goodwin  
Torries' at Wilson's