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Dear Mayor Gray,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulations affecting the District of Columbia food trucks.

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.

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.

Both Farragut and Franklin Square fall into these categories. These areas have one of the highest concentrations of workers downtown. If your regulations go into effect, these workers will no longer patronize local food trucks which have become an integral part of DC culture and the local economy.

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 make common sense.

I join my fellow DC food truck enthusiasts in support of regulations that are reasonable, feasible, and support the prosperity of the food trucks we have all grown to love.

Sincerely,

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