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Dear Mr. Gil,

I am aware that comments must be made by tomorrow regarding the new proposed food truck rules that will remove 8 of the 10 main food truck areas. I am against this proposed rule. It is time to stop adapting rules from ice cream trucks or sidewalk cafes to food trucks and start writing appropriate regulations that will allow our beloved food trucks to function anywhere in DC, but especially at popular food truck destinations.

Now that you are taxing food truck sales, it makes even more sense to encourage the trucks to do more business. Also, Food trucks are starting to open storefronts (several are in Arlington) as well as stands (in places like the new Union Market in DC)...and that helps the local economy. And, if we can keep encouraging the trucks, they can soon reach the level of success of places like Los Angeles, where their trucks dominate the TV Food Network competition, The Great Food Truck Race--Food trucks being on such a TV show could bring more prestige to our great city (DC).

Please start coming up with legislation to encourage food trucks and stop coming up with legislation to limit them in ways that are designed for other types of businesses. The rule about them having to move if they don't have a line comes from the ice cream truck days and should be removed, as is the one Arlington has on the books which makes trucks move every hour.

Thanks,
Jason Yaskoir