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I am a resident of Washington, DC, and I think the regulation prohibiting food trucks from vending from a parking spot adjacent to an “unobstructed sidewalk” that’s “less than ten feet 10 ft. wide in the Central Business District” is fabulous. Mobility in this city is already difficult for the disabled, and allowing hundreds of people to congregate on the sidewalks as currently happens in Farragut Sq. makes it nearly impossible. The DC Food Truck Association opposes the regulations because they feel it will hurt their business. It’s not the government's job to grow their business, that's their job, and it’s also their job to do it legally. The government's job is to protect the rights of its citizens. If the DC government does not support the disabled, no one else will. If people are hungry, the food trucks will set up in a legal place, and the people will find them. The 10 foot requirement is not overly burdensome, particularly since food trucks have easy mobility (unlike the disabled) and can easily find a new home. I urge the government not to allow a business association looking out for its members to get in the way of protecting the rights of citizens. If downtown workers are hungry, they will buy food somewhere and pay the 10% tax. Without obstructed sidewalks, perhaps the disabled will also feel free to leave their offices to eat, which will send even more tax revenue to the city government.

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