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I am writing to oppose the proposed regulations regarding mobile street vendors.

Unobstructed sidewalks of 10 feet are rare in DC and I fail to see the reasoning behind the proposal as it is obvious that consumers want food trucks at the popular locations and pedestrians can simply walk on the other side of the street. I also fail to understand why Georgetown is almost completely off limits to food trucks. Both my husband and I work in Georgetown and there are only a handful of fast food options for people wanting easy and quick access to lunch. Subway is just not cutting it for me and I have been bringing my lunch for the past two years. Wouldn't the DC government want my tax revenue? My fear is that other areas of the city will soon be like Georgetown where business is stifled and misguided government policy reins in at the expense of consumer choice not to mention lost tax revenue for the city.

Food trucks are wonderful additions to the DC dining scene and bring so many more options to workers and residents. Limiting food trucks' ability to vend at locations around the city is short sighted and will significantly impact the eating options for thousands of government and non-government workers who are faced with a bleak restaurant scene. Please expand the reach of the food trucks, not limit it. We welcome a healthy, competitive, vibrant food scene everywhere in the city!

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