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I am the owner of Crepeaway restaurant on 20th and L Street.

From 2006 - 2010 I have not seen a single brick and mortar restaurant close its doors in that area.

In 2010 the food trucks started appearing on L street.

Since then the following restaurants have closed:

- 1: SPICE EXPRESS - 1020 19th Street (19th between L and K)
- 2: SCHAKOLAD CHOCOLATE FACTORY - 1107 19th street (19th and L)
- 3: LITE STARS - 2101 L STREET (21st & L)
- 4: JAVA GREEN - 1020 19th Street (19th between L and K)
- 5: MAOZ - 1817 M Street (18th & M)

In my opinion these closures are directly related to the appearance of the food trucks on L Street from Noon-2pm Mon-Fri. Those are the hours where restaurants make the majority of their revenue during the business lunch rush. Now the restaurants must share that business with several food trucks.

If the trucks are not regulated, then many more mom and pop shops will go out of business.

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