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Dear Mr. Gil:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed street vending regulations. According to a recent story in the Washington Post, the proposed regulation would apply conditions intended for sidewalk cafés to food trucks. It appears to prohibit these trucks from most of the locations they currently serve for no logical reason.

I regularly eat at the food trucks near Virginia and 21st NW, an area restricted by the proposed regulations. Like most DC workers, I don't have time to go the several blocks to a sit down restaurant and eat. I have enough time to pop out the front door, grab something delicious from one of the many food trucks serving our area without trouble, and get back to work. Without the convenience of the food trucks, I'd probably just stock the office freezer with frozen meals, bought in my home state of Virginia. These trucks generate additional income for the DC economy and tax revenue to boot.

For these and many other reasons, I hope the food trucks will continue unhindered and regulations will be well-thought and considerate of the boon they bring to the DC economy.

Best,
Mariah Mercer