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My name is Jane Lyons. I am co-owner of STIX Food Truck. We are a D.C. Food Truck vending in the City. My business partner Leah Perez and I chose Washington to start our business because we knew we could be a success here. The existing Food Truck rules that were in place had a way to go but were still workable and allowed us that success. I am very, very concerned for the future of STIX if the new regulations as they stand are put in affect. My savings, my heart and my future as well as my families depends on the success of my business.

The kitchen we prepare our food in is in the District. As are all of our Vendors that we purchase our produce, our meat, our seafood, dry goods and fuel for our truck.

STIX has been in business for close to two years. Our business has grown enough that we have gone from two to three employees in the summer months 4. As of October 1, we are collecting a 10% sales tax to further contribute to the districts economy.

I ask you to take my comments and suggestions to heart. We have to have a free enterprise. All business needs the same ability to succeed and flourish. Not be held back by special interest groups or one government agency.

Below are the proposed regulations I am most concerned with and my position on them.

- **530 VENDING LOCATIONS: MOBILE ROADWAY VENDING LOCATIONS: AUTHORIZED LOCATIONS**

530.1 The DDOT Director shall designate MRV locations where Mobile Roadway Vendors, with valid MRV parking permits, may park in order to legally vend from public space.

` This is too broad to determine where the MRV locations will be. There is not any criteria to determine how many locations there will be, or how many trucks will be allowed to vend. MRV locations should ONLY be in extremely high density areas, namely Farragut, Franklin, and Metro Center. Not scattered through out the city. There simply is no need for random MRVs.

530.8 An MRV location shall not be established:

- (c) Where the adjacent unobstructed sidewalk is less than ten feet (10 ft.) wide in the Central Business District or seven feet (7 ft.) wide outside the Central Business District;

Attempting to apply the same restrictions to Food Trucks that are applied to brick and mortar or sidewalk cafes' doesn't make sense. What is an obstruction? A parking meter, a sign, People, flowers? Is this regulation for the sake of safety? If so, I don't believe there is one documented instance of an injury caused by a Food Truck line. It is the Food trucks responsibility now to keep sidewalk access for the public and to keep an orderly line.

533.1 The DDOT Director has the discretion to add, modify or remove a Mobile Roadway Vending location at any time

`To give one person, in one agency, the sweeping power to alter people's livelihood is just not acceptable. There has to be a means of appeal, a way other voices are heard about a decision that has been made. There needs to be a committee made up of Food Truck owners and DDOT that can oversee decisions before any MRV locations are removed, altered, or added.

These are new food Truck Regulations that I think will benefit everyone.

We are no longer considered Ice cream Trucks and under "The Ice Cream Truck" rule. STIX can stay in one spot and serve its customers without worrying about being asked to move on.

Employee badges for vending instead of licenses. This is huge for the small business owner. It is an affordable way I can be off the truck, while one of my employees runs the truck for the day.

I want more than anything to be able to operate my business in the District in a safe, responsible and profitable way. It is clear that our fans and customers want us here as much as we want to be here. It is in every ones interest to rectify these differences and to write regulations that enable us all to be a success.

Thank-you

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