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Mr. Helder Gil

I am writing to you as a owner of DC Slices Food Truck and how the new regulations will effect our business.

My business partner and I started this business 3 years ago with the promise to bring great pizza to the people of Washington DC. All I can say when started we were the third food truck in the city and were paving a new path for commerce in the city. We are the venders that coined the phrase Farragut Friday and we were the only food truck on the square. Now there are more than a hundred trucks in the district and our business has grown from 2 owners that were scared to death that their investment would go under. To now we operate 2 trucks and a third on the way and employ 9 staff members all of whom reside in Washington DC. Our company has been featured on the Food Network, Discovery Channel, and the Travel Channel. We have been named one of the top 100 food trucks in the country and we are in the top 5 food trucks in the city.

We at DC Slices feel that the new regulations would truly eliminate a free market society on the streets of DC. These rules reduce our vending area to approximately 10% of what it is now. These rules also give incredible advantage to brick and mortar restaurants by eliminating all competition and creating a monopoly to a select few. While I feel there needs to be new regulations for vending here. I feel by creating mobile vending zones in only the 4 big areas of Dc would be the smartest solution for these zones. Also, I would limit the trucks to sidewalks of 6 feet or more. Seeing, as restaurants are restricted to sidewalks with 6 feet. What is fair for restaurants would be fair for us. Finally, I feel that the fines are outrageous!! \$2000 fine for operating to close to a MRV is criminal and that needs to be downsized to about \$100 per occurrence.

We desperately need your reconsideration and help with these rules. The livelihood of so many people is at stake!

Eric W Duensing
Co-Owner DC Slices Food Truck