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Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Katherine Shiu

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

Businesses claim that these trucks take away from their lunch revenue, but most of the trucks serve food that would be considered a niche market...take for example the new truck called Takorean, which serves Korean Tacos.

Furthermore, this is no different than a fast food franchise opening up. I think it promotes healthy competition and would perhaps entice restaurants to innovate new recipes. When you look at it, the food from these trucks is not exactly cheap so one can conclude that people are visiting these trucks for something out of the ordinary that they cannot get from the regular deli on the corner.

For example, Red Hook Lobster Pound is a new truck that offers lobster rolls for \$15--not exactly a value for the customer, but it is unique so people are willing to pay a premium. I think it would be a travesty to punish those that are willing to innovate, which would deprive hungry workers who just want something different for lunch one day.

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Thank you,

Amanda Brownbridge
Resident of Alexandria, VA
Working in Dupont Circle

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They are the livelihood and diversity of our community. We want options to eat out and we enjoy the diversity of the products.

Thank you,

Lan Marshall

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. If DC wants to compete with other leading cities in the country, we need to provide diverse and innovative food options such as food trucks to entice tourists and improve the quality of life for those of us that work and live in the city.

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Thank you,

Kate Warren
DC Resident, taxpayer and voter

I am a DC resident who also works in the District. I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

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Thank you,
Sarah Doverspike

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Thank you,

Marc Weinstein
Ward 1 Resident

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Thank you,
Patty Weldon

I am a D.C. resident writing to support reasonable regulations that will allow mobile food vendors to continue to stay in DC.

There are less burdensome ways to regulate food trucks than the current requirement that the truck be 60 feet away from a restaurant serving the "same type of food" in sec. 556.8. (And as currently proposed, that regulation could be void for vagueness because it is so ambiguous; for example, is a cupcake truck selling the "same type" of food as Starbucks because it too sells sweets?). Requiring food trucks to be 10 feet away from a restaurant with outdoor seating is a more reasonable solution than requiring them to be 60 feet away from the same type of food.

The requirement that food trucks be parked in a legal parking spot and pay the meter in section 556.3 is also a more reasonable requirement than requiring them to be 40 feet from an intersection (sec. 556.5) or 100 feet from a traffic circle (sec. 556.5). I hope that if the 40/100 feet requirements stay in, it does not prevent trucks from being able to serve customers downtown.

In addition, as a food truck customer who works downtown, I think some of the opponents of mobile food trucks may be relying on some false assumptions regarding their perceived competition with mobile food trucks. The trucks go to underserved lunch areas that they are not competing with anyways or provide a service that isn't offered in that area (like selling a variety of cupcakes in the Farragut Square area; the nearest cupcake store otherwise is in Dupont or Georgetown).

Moreover, the customer base may not be the same. I know from my experience that the trucks have encouraged people like me to go out and buy lunch or a snack from them because it's fun and social, rather than bring my lunch from home. So, in my case at least, the presence of food trucks downtown makes no difference to me as to whether I feel like spending \$8 on a sandwich for lunch or not. Maybe opponents need to instead learn from these trucks' popularity and success, and engage customers with social media, blogs, twitter, etc., make their food more "fun," and/or provide a better value for people trying to save in this economy.

In conclusion, I hope that the government does not regulate this nascent business out of business. Indeed, I think we should be proud of those who are making DC a more notable "foodie" city, and encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit of these businesses.

Thank you,

Maggie Sklar

As a frequent constituent of the various food trucks that bring their fare to downtown DC, I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers. These food trucks add great value to the downtown area by increasing the culinary diversity, bringing more options (and faster options) to those of us who are looking for quick and good food during the lunch hour.

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Thank you,

Emily K. Strunk

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Thank you,

Alyson Sincavage

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers. These mobile businesses add a much needed vibrancy to the downtown lunch scene. They offer cuisines and dining experiences that are substantially different than existing brick and mortar restaurants. As such, they are complimentary much more than they are competitive to those businesses. I still frequent the restaurants I like in the Metro Center area but I also eat from food trucks, often on days I would otherwise bring my lunch. There is plenty of room in the downtown quick-serve lunch marketplace for every restaurant business type that provides food people want to eat at a reasonable price-point. These food trucks have certainly not hurt Chop't's business as the lines are consistently long for their salads every work day. There is room for all worthy businesses.

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Thank you,

Preston Brewer
Employed in Metro Center area since 2003

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Thank you,

Jeff Krehely
2122 11th Street, NW
WDC 20001

I am writing as a resident of the District to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

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Thank you,
Kurt Leeth

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Thank you,

Austin Berkelhammer

I am a DC resident and food writer and editor at The Atlantic (theatlantic.com/food/), and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue enhancing our city's food culture. The food truck explosion that the District has been seeing over the past year or so is a great asset to our city—one that establishes us as a place full of culinary excitement and innovation, and that will undoubtedly help promote tourism and the local economy as well.

I am also writing to ask that you *PLEASE* do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. This discriminatory language could include, for example, provisions proposed by restaurants and commercial organizations that would require food trucks to park a certain distance from any brick-and-mortar restaurant. These sorts of additions would only hinder our vibrant food truck culture and harm the city as a whole.

Please pass the regulations as written, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you, and best wishes.

Daniel Fromson

I am a D.C. resident and am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

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Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city. The food truck vendors are one of the best things to happen to D.C. cuisine since I have lived here.

Thank you,

Lauren Hopkins

An hour ago, I had a fantastic lobster roll from a mobile vendor. Short of sitting down at a high priced restaurant, I wouldn't have been able to find it anywhere else near my office.

As such, I am writing in support of Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks.

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Thank you,

M. Sean Griffey

I think one of the most exciting things that has happened in Washington DC recently has been the surge of new Food Trucks all around the city. I think they are really great and hope that our local government will foster their continued growth.

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Thank you,

Joe Goldman
1470 Newton Street
Washington, DC 20010

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Thank you,

Brian Arnoff
225 I St NE

I am a DC resident and voter and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. I do think vending trucks should be subject to health/safety regulation and inspection just like stationary restaurants.

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Thank you,

Michelle Kanter

I am a District resident and I am very excited about all the new food truck options. Please don't regulate them out of business!

Sara Karrer
139 11th Street, SE
WDC 20003

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Thank you,
Rosemary Pollard

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Thank you,

Kristina Dolak

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

I have worked in Downtown DC for over five years and rely upon the availability of fairer-priced, high-quality lunch options. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into the Title 24 Chapter 5 regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks.

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Thank you.

James M. Auslander

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Thank you,

Matthew Seidel

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Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city. The food trucks are affordable, fast and convenient and provide more options to those of us working in the heart of DC's downtown.

Thank you,

Christopher D'Agostino
2501 Porter St., NW

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I am a DC resident and hope you will take these sentiments under consideration.

Thank you.

Cheryl Matochik

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Thank you,

Claire Dermond
1508 21st St, NW
Washington, DC 20036

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This move will also allow additional jobs and opportunities for those of us who want additional ways to bring their own culinary style to DC.

I am a DC resident and a voter.

Thank you,

Karen Foster
4118 Harrison Street, NW
Washington, DC 20015

I am writing in support of mobile food vendors and of the proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow them to continue operating.

As a DC resident, I view the mobile vendors as an exciting trend bringing new vibrancy to local dining. Mobile vending offers new dining options for workers in DC, but also offers existing restaurants a new way to reach customers or a lower-cost option for new players to establish a name and reputation. These vendors bring workers out into the neighborhoods they may normally only pass through on the way to/from work, helping resident and non-resident workers alike develop new connections with the city and find shops, restaurants, retailers, and cultural options of which they were previously unaware.

I hope that the successful vendors will build on their mobile beginnings and establish permanent locations, but I don't consider the food trucks a good alternative to a full-service restaurant. Each form fills a specific need or interest, and I think they can co-exist and the most creative and entrepreneurial will make agreements and arrangements that benefit each other. I don't know what form these will take, but I look forward to the results of these collaborations.

Please support the proposed DCRA regulation as written, and with it the activity and variety the food vendors bring to the city.

Thank you,
Brian Williams

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Adam Kampe

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Thank you,

Sarah O'Neal

I write in support of the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

I am a DC resident and a big fan of some of the mobile food vendor operations that have enhanced the diversity and quality of cuisine in the city, as well as making their food more accessible across the city through their mobile platforms. I respectfully believe it would be a mistake if the City Council took any action that undermined the ability of these vendors to continue to serve the city. Unfortunately, the issue does not seem to have captured much public attention, but I am certain that if the food trucks are shut down, there will be a strong negative reaction. Put differently, I think I speak for a lot of residents who are probably unaware of what is going on (for now).

I therefore respectfully request that you pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city, and please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would have the effect of limiting mobile vendors or food trucks.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Mark W. Nelson

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There are areas of DC that are lacking in food options, and mobile choices give some variety and alternatives to the brick and mortar eateries that anchor certain neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Chuq Yang

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Thank you,
Lisa Perez

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Timothy McCarten

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Thank you,

Erica Stanley

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Thank you,
Elise Foster

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Melina Vissat and Brian Hannon

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I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers. I am a DC resident and registered voter. This type of mobile vending makes our city more vibrant and brings together people from distinct communities, and I am firmly in agreement.

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Thank you,
Erin McCarthy

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

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I truly love the option of having food trucks - not only is the food good, but they build camaraderie, as it is fun following them on Twitter with my colleagues and finding our next lunch spot!

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Thank you,
Alissa Brenner
Washington, DC resident

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers, as well as contribute to DC's increasingly vibrant food community.

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Thank you,

Carol Andes

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Thank you,
Emily Napalo
413 T ST NW
Washington, DC 20001

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Thank you,
Mark Seavey

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Thank you,
Todd Fowler,
DC Resident, Mount Pleasant

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Thank you,
Meg Szabo

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers. I have been enjoying the influx of food trucks into DC and Arlington lately, and this should not be limited in any way.

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Thank you,

Jon Tremonte

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Thank you,

JonElle Lemon

I have been a DC resident for 6 years, as a student and professional. I am writing to express my strongest support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value to consumers.

I urge you to please not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations that would limit mobile vendors or food trucks. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse, growing and small business vending options in the city.

Thank you,
Maxim Leyzerovich