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Dear CVRD Planning Team,

I worked really hard on making this short as I wanted to share some thoughts on the new CZB zoning changes in Cobble Hill, specifically Section 4.14, and how they may impact small local businesses like Drifters Creamery.

My family has lived in the Mill Bay and Cobble Hill area since 1963, so this community means a lot to us. Stopping by Drifters Creamery has become a new tradition for us. It is one of my dad's favourite spots, and when I am visiting, we often go several times a week. It has also been a great stop after hiking Cobble Hill Mountain.

From what I understand, the new rule limits food trucks to 8 hours within a 24-hour period and requires them to be removed from the site at the end of that time. While I understand the intent, this creates a real challenge for small businesses that rely on consistency and visibility.

Food trucks like Drifters do more than serve food. They bring people together, add to the community feel, and support local entrepreneurship. They can also complement nearby businesses by increasing foot traffic rather than competing with them.

I would encourage a more flexible approach rather than applying blanket rules. Allowing longer hours or designated locations for established vendors could help support small businesses while still meeting planning goals.

Supporting local businesses is very important to me and my family, and I would hate to see places like Drifters impacted.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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