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Dear Street Vendor Project,

As part of the efforts to bring awareness of street vendor issue in the United States and throughout the world, I am writing a letter of support for your campaign and many efforts to bring justice to street vendors in the city of New York and abroad. We know that street vendors face many setbacks in order to be able to have a piece of that “American Dream” everyone so desires. We know vendors especially are vulnerable to harassment, theft, prosecution and many other things. Your efforts have helped so many in your city and I hope that all of those efforts continue to pay off all the people you serve.

The campaign you currently run at Street Vendor Project against the city is right and just. We believe that everyone should have a right to be able to vend and carry a permit that is accessible to everyone. The city needs to stop putting limitations on everything. New York is one of many “Melting Pots” that have people coming in from all over the world and with them they bring their culture and customs as well as their many culinary traditions and bring an immense diversity of flavors to escape the boring fast food options that are more common.

Chicago is also one of those “Melting Pots” and we are also trying to pass legislation that would allow vendors to legally sell prepared food in the streets. We are currently working with the city and many community organizations to push for a law that would let vendors work freely while following the regulations from the city. Chicago is falling far behind from many world class cities like New York when it comes to allowing street vendors to sell food on the streets and we are working hard to change things.

We will continue to make any effort necessary to make things happens and open the city’s eyes and make them realize that street vendors are not only good for the neighborhoods they serve but a vital part of the economy. I hope your efforts and ours will have the outcome we so desperately need.

Sincerely,

Vicky Lugo
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