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I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest.

I file letters of protest because it is the only way to fight frivolous trademarks._____.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business by impeding the creative process of business building by allowing common everyday words and phrases to be locked up in a trademark by people who did not create these words and phrases._____.

A fee would present a hardship to me because a \$100 fee per letter of protest would be too high of a cost to realistically fight frivolous trademarks._____.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include an online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Sincerely,

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Business owner

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