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To whom it may concern,

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 of people filing in order to gain an unfair advantage in the marketplace. The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. The latest such examples are Dogs, I'm the Big Sister and Baseball Mom. All common words or sayings that are NOT true brands.

The only recourse to combat these seemingly frivolous trademarks is filling a letter of protest. A fee would place an undue burden on small business owners to voice objections to these types of filings.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include a online search to rule out widespread use. Instead of having small business owners such as myself paying for letters of protest, please consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Sincerely,
Annie Chin
Small Business Owner