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To Whom It May Concern:

I have just been made aware that you are considering a fee of \$100-200 for filing a LOP.

To charge a fee to file an opposition to a possible trademark is absolutely ridiculous. Opposition to frivolous trademarks should not be charged when the approval of such trademarks has gotten completely out of control.??

People are filing to take control of words and phrases that have been a part of the American language for decades and are in the public domain thereby preventing anyone else from profiting off of those words and phrases.

I believe that a slightly higher cost to apply for a trademark or a penalty fee for applying frivolous trademarks would be a much better way of combating the issue at hand. The LOP is an important way to let people have a say and help protect small businesses. If the examining attorneys are being overwhelmed by LOPs then eliminate the need for most people to file LOPs by refusing to trademark common words and phrases such as dogs. Please place the financial burden on the people who are abusing the USPTO system and trying to trademark things that should never be trademarked.

Thank you for your consideration

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