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To Whom It May Concern;

I have recently been made aware that a \$100-\$200 fee to file a Letter of Protest against fraudulent trademarks has been proposed. We provide for our family with sales of shirts with simple phrases.

Since Amazon and other print on demand companies have become a very popular and lucrative way of providing an income to a very large number of people through custom designs on t-shirts, coffee mugs, and many other products, there has been a huge influx of trademarks filed and approved that should have never been approved.

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

A Letter Of Protest has been a way for people to be able to stop this atrocity saddling small businesses with fees to fight trademarks that should never have been approved in the first place is a Misappropriation if penalty. Perhaps those filing these 1000s of silly trademarks should be charged an increased fee to file.

These trademarks are not being filed under correct use of the USPTO. They are merely being filed to stop others from being able to use these words. These are not brand names and they are using improper examples of products to prove that they have been using these words before anyone else has.

Are you aware that there is now an approved trademark for the word DOGS? This is an absolute disgrace because now only that one person will be allowed to print and sell any item with the word DOGS on it. And someone at USPTO has actually approved it. There is your waste of money.

I implore you to examine what is happening with trademarks at the USPTO that is affecting hundreds of thousands of small and large business owners and prevent this new fee proposal that will hinder Letters Of Protest from being filed.

Thank you,
Ann Crickman