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I would like to express my opposition to the USPTO's proposed \$100-200 fee for Letters of Protest. I am an artist and earn a living through the use of my sewing and embroidery that involves the use of words.

I regularly find trademarks that are common phrases and sayings that have been allowed to be registered - it makes no sense to me how this occurs. How can dog, boy mom, girl mom, bride, groom, bridesmaid, groomsman, flower girl, ring bearer and the like be submitted to be trademarked? If these wouldn't even be considered then letters of protest wouldn't even be necessary.

I recently learned about the Letter of Protest process - a way for myself to have a voice and a say in the process, similar to voting really. I spend my time looking to see if a phrase or word is actually widely in use commercially and if so, submit my findings to the USPTO. If due process was done by the USPTO trademark officials approving application then frivolous trademarks would stop and individuals like myself wouldn't have to help protect our own livelihoods by filing letters of protest to stop ill-considered applications submitted for trademark wouldn't occur.

It would be cost prohibitive for myself to have to not only spend my time doing research and submitting it to the USPTO but to also pay a fee to point out that an application is frivolous.

To have to pay to point out - with evidence attached - that a trademark application isn't meeting the USPTO requirements but is instead trying to eliminate competition seems counter-productive.

There needs to be some way for the public to comment on something that will affect so many businesses and livelihoods without opening their wallet at every turn.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A concerned small business owner