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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 these frivolous trademarks impact my business in a huge way.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business & profit margins can be severely affected.

A fee would present a hardship to me because I am a single mother raising two children.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include a 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, Kimberly Orazem