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To Whom it may concern,

I recently was made aware of the proposal to institute a fee for filing Letter of Protest. This is incredibly unfair to the thousands of business owners that have been forced into banding together to fight frivolous trademarks issued by the USPTO. Since the USPTO has been lackadaisical in their responsibility to thoroughly vet the validity of a trademark filing, filing LOAs is our only ability to safeguard our livelihood. Even then, many trademarks still make it to approval even though they quite obviously lack the requirements. We need to be able to guard ourselves through the LOA process, and charging a fee for that right is simply wrong.

I strongly oppose this LOP fee and am confident that it will only make the problem of frivolous trademarks more rampant.

Sincerely,

Travis Ross