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**Subject:** Letter of Protest Filing Fee  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposal by the USPTO to levy a fee of \$100+ for submitting evidence in a letter of protest for newly filed trademarks. Trademarks were put in place to protect brands, not allow people to trademark common words like DOGS (reg # 5843989) for the sole purpose of unethically shielding themselves against competition. This \$100+ fee will make it impossible for small business owners such as myself to protect ourselves against the massive onslaught of frivolous trademarks being filed and ultimately accepted by the USPTO without these Letters of Protest.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed Letter of Protest fee. The USPTO should not penalize the people who are actually trying to help your department complete the monumental task of administering registrations. We are here to help the USPTO weed out frivolous trademarks, but that help will be effectively dismantled with the implementation of this fee. This is the only avenue some people have to protect themselves and the marketplace they serve. Thank you for all the work you do to help protect us.

Sincerely,

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