

**From:** [Susan Shepherd](#)  
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I am writing to voice my concerns over charging fees to file letters of protest regarding frivolous trademarks. Every day, a common word or phrase like "dog" or "Bride Squad" is granted trademark protection with virtually no evidence that it is anything more than ornamental. Attaching a fee to a business owner who rightfully protests these is unfair and unacceptable.

If fees must be collected, it should be assessed to the business who filed for the frivolous trademark if rejected. Charging triple-digit fees to the public to say no to these filings adds a hardship and an unnecessary hurdle to be heard.

Sincerely,  
Jhezzie Smith