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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest. I am filing a letter of concern because this affects thousands of small businesses such as myself. The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. A simple search of words such as "mother of dragons" would yield hundreds of hits on Etsy, Amazon, etc. and I firmly believe that if someone had not filed an LOP, this would be live.

The USPTO needs to realize that unscrupulous people are trying to trademark popular sayings to be able to kill off competition even though they never created the sayings in the first place.

A \$100 dollar fee to file an LOP would be devastating to people such as myself who use sayings on their products on a daily basis.

I propose that if a business is found to be trademarking a popular phrase already in use, the business should be fined \$100 for not doing the research before wasting the USPTO's valuable time.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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