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So, the USPTO is proposing to begin charging a fee of \$100-\$200 for each LOP submitted by small business owners like me, which we have to file in order to prevent trademarks from being registered that clearly violate the guidelines that they are supposed to follow. People are trying to trademark anything that other people are using and making money on. Then they issue take downs and ruin peoples Merch by Amazon accounts with these frivolous complaints. To charge us to fight this is just wrong. People should never get a registration for these common place words and phrases. To allow a trademark registration for the word "DUH" is just ridiculous!

I believe that the Commissioner for Trademarks or someone on their team needs to create a system of checks and balances to ensure that Examining Attorneys are indeed conducting a "complete examination" according to your guidelines. I'm also asking that you remove any consideration of charging a fee for LOP's. If a [f.ee](#) must be charged, I think charging a fee to applicants whose applied-for mark does not function as a mark and receives a "failure-to-function" refusal. Look at these frivolous trademark attempts with some common sense and that will alleviate a lot of the problem.

Respectfully,

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