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To Whom It May Concern,

As a small business owner making clothing designs for sale online, my main recourse for fighting frivolous trademark claims is to write letters of protest (LOP) to the USPTO. These LOPs very often result in trademarks being denied on the basis that the term under application is either generic or descriptive.

It is disheartening to hear that the USPTO is proposing to begin charging a fee of \$100-\$200 for each LOP submitted by small business owners such as myself. It is unreasonable to charge us a fee to fight frivolous trademark applications that should never even have been accepted to begin with. We already have to take valuable time away from our businesses to write LOPs against these frivolous trademark applications.

Please stop considering charging a fee to LOP applicants.

Instead, you should charge a very large hefty fee to people who have their frivolous trademark applications denied. This would greatly reduce frivolous applications, save the USPTO's time and save small business owners like myself from wasting time writing LOPs.

Thank you,
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