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To: [TM FR Notices](#)
Subject: Proposed Fee for Letter of Protest
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I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest.

I file letters of protest because it's not fair to trademark ornamental sentences.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business.

A fee would present a hardship to me because as a small business owner I don't have enough money to file a LOP against frivolous trademark.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include an online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs or you can charge them \$100 more if you find the filing trademark is frivolous.

Sincerely,

Sumaiya S.
Business owner.