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Good afternoon

I have recently read that there is a proposal to put a \$100 fee on submitting a letter of protest against potential trademarks. I strongly disagree with this move. Small business owners have the right to have their voices heard through a LOP and imposing a \$100 fee on each one is simply unfair and expensive causing unnecessary stress and financial burden.

It makes it very difficult for small businesses who work with design apparel and products to use simple words and popular phrases when they have been trademarked. These frivolous trademarks shouldn't be allowed and I believe it is an abuse of copyright law and the USPTO system.

I suggest that an increase in the cost to apply for a trademark and a penalty fee to those who apply for frivolous trademarks would be much more fair and just.

Thank you for your attention.

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