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As a small business owner in the online retail space, I was shocked and frustrated when I discovered that the USPTO is planning to begin charging a fee for each LOP submitted to prevent frivolous trademark from being registered.

In order to protect our small businesses, many small business owners and I spent countless hours to compile evidence and file LOP's for pending trademarks applications that are not fully complying with USPTO guidelines and incorrectly made it through the "complete examination" phase of the trademark application process. Many of these applications that clearly violate the guidelines should have been refused by the examining attorney.

I'm pleading that the Commissioner for Trademarks to reassess the proposal of charging a fee for LOP submission and create a system of accountability to ensure that Examining Attorneys are conducting a thorough examination according to your guidelines.

Additionally, I would propose charging a penalty fee to applicants whose trademark application does not function as a mark and receives a "failure-to-function" refusal. This will certainly reduce the current influx of frivolous trademark applications being submitted to the USPTO.

A concerned small business owner,  
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