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Hello,

It has come to my attention that the US Patent and Trademark Office is proposing a \$100 fee for every letter of protest for frivolous trademarks. This is extremely unfair to creators who try to compete in an artistic space only to be thwarted by individuals or organizations who have trademarked common words or phrases.

I give you the recent example of Ohio State University trying to trademark the word "The": <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/14/us/the-ohio-state-university-trademark-trnd/index.html>. Thankfully this was not allowed, but this is an example of trademarks that are routinely granted that impinge on a creators ability to make a living.

Please reconsider this idea to charge a fee when creators protest frivolous trademarks.

Best regards,
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