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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been made aware of the proposed cost of carrying out letters of protest against trademarks. I have small business in the Print On Demand industry and we have seen a significant raise in the amount of dubious claims for trademarks people and companies claims everyday words such as 'dog' and such like. The claim for such commonly used words and also words of phrases that start to ride the wave of success that are in common use people and companies try to claim as there own to block further competition or to try to make money from in a frivolous trademark claim. Now these people or companies seem to have the ability to claim what ever word/s like and our only way or stopping them from ruining literately thousands of small businesses is the Letter Of Protest system. Give small businesses a chance to counter claim against the bully's who are claiming non original work and gaming the trademark system is great. I strongly urge you reconsider your proposed plan on introducing a fee to carry out a letter of protest and this will only drop the support given to the USPTO in find these frauds if not, international classes 009,016.018 & 025 will become a safer place for frivolous trademark bullies.

Kind regards

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Small Business Owner.