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Thank you for your excellent work focused on making certain we have the best Trademark process. I am most alarmed to hear that there is a discussion of imposing a fee on filing a letter of protest.

Without a doubt, it is clear that you value public input during the Trademark process. The letter of protest procedure is not mandated by any statute or rule. The letter of protest is simply a valuable tool to make certain no important evidence is missed.

Imposing a fee to present important evidence should not happen. This would be like a police detective imposing a fee on good citizens that witnessed a crime. The police detective certainly wants to make certain he has all the evidence. Imposing a fee to file a letter of protest would certainly restrict the quality and level of evidence the examining attorney has to make an important trademark decision.

The letter of protest is a critical tool that examining attorneys need. Please do not impose a fee on filing a letter of protest.

Thank you,

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