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Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my opposition to USPTO's setting fees for people that file a Letter of Protest.

I have an online store and I use lots of words/terms to promote and sell my products. I always check USPTO's website to confirm no trademark exists.

Unfortunately, lately we see a lot of questionable words being allowed to be trademarked which cause us to lose revenue and also risk having our stores closed down due to trademark infringement.

General terms/words are being allowed to be trademarked which really isn't what a trademark is supposed to be about. For example, "Dogs" was recently approved as a trademark which affects thousands upon thousands of sellers as we are and have used that term for years promoting dog related products.

We surely have a right to protest about such trademarks especially when it's a common, everyday terms we have used ourselves for years.

It would be impossible for me as a small business owner to pay between \$100-200 every time we oppose a trademark that is frivolous.

Maybe the key is to stop people from claiming **everyday terminology for trademarking** and have them come up with a unique phrase that is personal to them as I believe trademarks are supposed to be.

The person who trademarked "dogs" will now have a monopoly on all dog clothing and no doubt will cause many small business owners to fail.

Please reconsider the fees and make the people seeking trademarks cover your additional costs in effecting a legitimate trademark.

If all trademark applications were original and unique then we'd have no reason to send any letters of protest.

Thank you

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