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To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my concern for the proposed fee for protesters. There are thousands upon thousands of frivolous trademarks issued yearly. The trademarks make no sense and do not function as a legitimate trademark was intended based on U.S. law.

I realize there is a lot of change happening at the USPTO and much more needed. However, the main problem is the folks who do not do their research and absolutely do not have an accurate understanding of how a trademark should function for them. Instead, they file thinking they can lay claim to a common-use phrase, word, etc. and stop others from also using the word or phrase. These are the exact people who should have to foot the bill, so to speak, for the work the USPTO has to do. It is absolutely because of them that the system is so broken and has evolved into such a train wreck.

I file letters of protest to stop these people from abusing the system and trying to benefit from other people's ideas. The frivolous trademarks that are issued hurt business and make U.S. trademark law a joke. They should certainly be the ones paying any fees. Not those of us who do our research and are only wanting to better the system so that it works as it was intended and according to law. The growing community of concerned business owners are willing to do what we can to partner with the USPTO to correct the system and bring back integrity.

Sincerely,
Traci Hayes
Business Owner