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Subject: Proposed Fee for Letter of Protest"
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest.

I file letters of protest because enough is enough. These trolls do NOT own the rights to these words and phrases.

The filer and USPTO knows this. Yet it continues. And now USPTO wants to charge us for fighting this corruption?

Whoever approved the TM for "dogs" makes many people in the industry wonder if he or she was paid off to approve something like that.

Why isn't THAT being investigated Internally?

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business in many ways... mainly loss of income over phrases and words that have LONG been used by companies other than the trademark trolls

These put my company in jeopardy with takedowns on sites such as Etsy and merch by amazon as every time you grant someone a frivolous TM, they can have my items removed, which causes account issues including but not limited to throttling and account closure

A fee would present a hardship to me because I'm a small business owner and a single mother with a child in college. This is how I make my living and to charge small business owners fighting against bogus and frivolous trademarks is something that I thought I would never see.

It's bad enough that people are actually granted rights to items such as this:

List of Registered Frivolous Trademarks

- 1) GINGER 5522713
- 2) DUH 5535385
- 3) THIS IS JUST GENIUS 5741096
- 4) REMATCH 5693289
- 5) IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO BE ALIVE 5658196
- 6) 1970 5651855
- 7) HIPPIE VIBE 5613418
- 8) I ONLY MAKE BOYS 5576414
- 9) WE ALL HAVE OUR MOMENTS 5570168
- 10) DO GOOD BE KIND 5563924
- 11) TV DAD 5550878

- 12) TEQUILA KILLS 5545986
- 13) WAR 5544499
- 14) NEIGHBORHOOD 5505435
- 15) BE THE MAN 5489044
- 16) BIRD NERD 5417471
- 17) GREETINGS FROM 5381513
- 18) THE BEST KIND OF DAD 5313209
- 19) MEGALODON 5306714
- 20) GREATEST GUITARIST EVER 5287747
- 21) BUSY MOM 5250857
- 22) NOT TODAY 5247946
- 23) VOLLEYBALL LIFE 5180887
- 24) MOMMY TO BE 5133777
- 25) FOOTBALL MOM 4783661
- 26) BASEBALL MOM 4783660
- 27) SOFTBALL MOM 4783658
- 28) I LOVE MY BIG SISTER 4749476
- 29) I WORK HARD 4686987
- 30) I LOVE MY WIFE 4541673
- 31) WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER? 4169154
- 32) NO SLEEP 3812057
- 33) ADULTING & SCREAMING 5553248
- 34) I'M THE BIG BROTHER 2166736
- 35) I'M THE BIG SISTER 2153621
- 36) WORKING HARD SO MY DOG CAN HAVE A GOOD LIFE 5534946
- 37) EVERYTHING OFFENDS ME 5555286
- 38) I WILL WIN 5542855
- 39) MISTAKES 5544220

40) DOGS 5843989

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include a online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Sincerely,

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