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I sell mugs and t-shirts and am careful to avoid using any trademarked terms. This is getting increasingly difficult with the vast number of trademarks being granted on very common terms and phrases, including phrases that have been in common use for decades, like Country Girl and Mamma Bear.

Filing LOPs is the only defense we have against this. Charging any fee to file a LOP will make take this defense away from us, especially the proposed fee of \$100. The first amendment gives us the right to petition the government for grievances, and it doesn't mention any fee to do so.

Rather than charge people defending themselves against frivolous trademarks, considering charging a hefty fine to those who file them. If the fine were, say, double or triple the filing fee, you'd have far fewer frivolous marks to deal with.

Frivolous marks are a major issue for people who produce goods with words and slogans on them. Please don't take away our one defense against them.

Regards,

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