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Hello,

I am writing to state my opposition to setting any additional fees for filing a letter of protest. I own a mid-sized retail company selling printed apparel in Michigan, and have become very familiar with how rampant abuse of the trademark system has become of late. Letters of protest are one of the only ways that concerned citizens can fight back against people abusing the trademark system and attempting to monetize parts of the public domain and cultural commons. We already give our time freely to policing this abuse, the least you can do is not penalize us financially for doing so.

Please continue to keep letters of protest fee-free. This is a free speech and equity issue. There is a financial incentive for bad actors to misrepresent their businesses and intellectual property strategies as valid trademarks, and they are willing to spend the money to do so.

Thank you,

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