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To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that there is a proposal to levy a fee for submitting evidence in a letter of protest of newly filed trademarks.

I can understand the offices need to make sure time is not spent working on unnecessary and irrelevant files and I agree there is a cost to reviewing each LOP.

However if the barrier to registration of trademarks that provide merely ornamental evidence to a trademark application were enforced more thoroughly there would not be a need to review as many letter of protests.

I believe a deterrent to filing frivolous marks would be far more effective than creating barriers to those attempting to assist the examining attorney by providing evidence in a protest.

A simple proposed solution would be to raise the fees for the Initial application that may deter people from attempting to file the frivolous mark in the first place.

For example if the average trademark receives 2 filed letters of protest I would propose keeping the LOP a free to file system and increase the cost of application by \$400 to offset the costs.

I would be happy to provide more feedback regarding this concerning issue that may raise the likelihood of trademark abuse.

Sincerely,  
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