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To Whom It May Concern,

I recently learned that there is a plan to implement a fee to submit a Letter of Protest against frivolous trademarks. I understand that there is a cost to reviewing letters of protest, but it has come to my attention that there are numerous trademarks that are being granted by the USPTO that would be considered frivolous when viewed from a larger perspective.

The point that I would like to make is that with fewer frivolous trademarks being granted, fewer letters of protest would be filed. That would reduce the cost of having to review each letter of protest, while also allowing for more valid trademarks to be recognized. (For example, it is difficult to not perceive the granting of a trademark for a very common word, such as the word "dogs" as frivolous.)

It would appear to most that a more appropriate course of action would be to increase the fees for registering a trademark. This would likely greatly reduce the amount of requests around frivolous trademarks that are being filed.

Please consider the impact of this proposed fee and make a decision not to implement this fee. As stated earlier, it does appear that a much more reasonable approach to the problem would be to minimize the amount of frivolous trademark approvals.

Thank you for considering this alternative approach as the outcome of this decision will negatively impact many small businesses.

Best Regards,  
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