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Deputy Commissioner Cain:

In accordance with Executive Order 13771, it is required of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to remove regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, costly, or unduly burdensome. The practice of Trademark Interferences is no longer a meaningful way to dispute trademark issues as your research indicates. However, the research does show that individuals still apply for the trademark inference service performed by the agency, whether successful in their application or not. This is a right that the agency has granted to the people and ordinarily that right could not be taken away without this proper period for comment. This method the agency has elected to follow is in effective conformity with President Trump's Executive Order and because the regulation subject to removal is a mere interpretation of the original Trademark Act, it does not alter the rights and duties of those that would otherwise be affected by its removal. The existence of the Trademark Act, 15 USC 1066, will allow the people the same access to trademark interferences as they would have had with the interpretations so those that may benefit from them will still be granted the interference. I support the removal of the interpretations and with the proper opportunity to comment would likely support the removal of further unnecessary interpretations that are no longer effective.

Respectfully,

Adam Harper