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To: [TM FR Notices](#)
Subject: Proposed Fee For Letter of Protest
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I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest.

I file letters of protest because there are way too many frivolous trademarks getting approved and I am trying to run a business.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business by having to take down my listings on Amazon and Etsy. People are finding it way too easy to trademark common phrases to corner the market and not for an actual brand.

A fee would present a hardship to me because I could lose my selling privileges on Amazon. My business that I worked really hard for could be taken away because I can't afford to pay to protest these frivolous trademark applications. I am disabled and cannot work outside of ecommerce, as a designer.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include a online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Some examples are:

I'M THE BIG SISTER 2153621

WORKING HARD SO MY DOG CAN HAVE A GOOD LIFE 5534946

EVERYTHING OFFENDS ME 5555286

I WILL WIN 5542855

MISTAKES 5544220

DOGS 5843989

Sincerely,

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Business owner