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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 of \$100 or more for submitting evidence in a letter of protest for newly filed trademarks. While I understand there is a cost to reviewing these letters of protest, the cost should be the burden of the person/company filing the request for the trademark. There are way to many trademarks which appear to be frivolous in nature. An example is the recent approval for the word Dogs (reg # 5843989). This simple word is used on literally thousands of products. Trademarks should be granted to protect brands, not to grant the ability of the trademark holder to issue takedown notices en masse - granting them sole access to a given market.

I urge you to reconsider creating a fee for submittal of letters of protest. This is the only avenue some people have to protect themselves and the marketplace they serve.

It's not just the little guy , this whole industry is fighting this issue!

Example : LTTB LLC vs. Redbubble.

Even (redbubble) is taken action and we the people believe if we don't fight frivolous trademarks then it will effect the whole industry, when those "frivolous trademarks" are overlooked , we believe, we can make a change for the better by reporting things, so we can get a new pair of fresh eye's on the matter. (Case) That's all we are asking.

After a bit of thinking, I don't believe it should be legal to charge someone for reporting ILLEGAL activities! This will be similar to paying and/or charging a fee for tipping the authorities about some illegal matter taking place! No?

Thanks in advance for taking the time to listen and (read) my concerns.