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Dear USPTO,

I have reviewed the proposed fee changes and find them to be outrageous. While I do understand that it may be necessary to increase application fees, I object, in the strongest possible terms to having a \$100 discrepancy between the TEAS RF and TEAS Plus forms. The USPTO is requiring applicants to be concise and accurate when describing their goods and services or face the potential risk of registration audit. However, with these increased fees, they are making it harder for applicants to be concise by doubling the difference between TEAS RF and TEAS Plus.

The \$400 fee for request for reconsideration is appalling. Especially when considering a final office action for goods and services, when the applicant has made a good faith effort to amend accordingly. Again, the Trademark Office is requiring specificity from the applicants. Applicants should not be punished for attempting to craft goods and services that most reflect how marks are/will be used in commerce.

Also, the TTAB fee increases for filing oppositions and cancellations is ridiculous and will harm small business and individuals. I understand that TTAB proceedings can be expensive, however, increasing the fee at the time of filing is harmful, especially when so many proceedings are resolved through default. If additional fees are needed, perhaps there are different points in the TTAB process in which it would make more sense to charge a fee so that the additional cost is incurred when the proceeding moves forward.

Thank you.

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