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To whom it may concern,

I am fully apposed to the the proposed \$100 per letter of protest application.

If there were no such thing as a frivolous trademark application then a letter of protest would not be necessary. If all frivolous applications were caught and denied by USPTO without any LOP, then no LOP would be needed.

Unfortunately, the system or process appears to be broken. Things have slipped through and became legally trademarked that should not have been.

"DOGS" is one of the most blatant examples. I suspect this one will end up tested in court if the holder doesn't simply give it up. With the teasing done by the USPTO on social media before that approval, I almost feel like this was approved as a challenge. And admission that the system is broken and court may be the only way to fix it.

Charging people trying to protect themselves and others from these frivolous trade marks will put an unfair burden on the people. It will give those who are applying for these frivolous trade marks in attempt to knock out competition more comfort knowing fewer people are likely to protest. If this rule does go into affect, I may end up filing my own (currently frivolous) trade mark applications as a way to protect myself from others doing exactly the same thing. As applying for a handful of trademarks would be cheaper than filing a hundred+ letters of protest.

Charging a fee to people attempting to help the inspectors is not a good way to improve the system. If anything, it will break it further.

I hope my words do not fall on deaf ears. This is a serious issue.

Thank you,  
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US Citizen and small business owner