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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to raise my strongest objection to the proposed \$100-200 filing fee for a letter of protest.

The only way to protect the integrity of the nations' intellectual property, and indeed the quality and inherent communicative or representative nature of the trademarks is the free access to a protest system.

I feel the USPTO does not have the 'bandwidth' to monitor the entirety of the intellectual representations and ecosystem over which is tasked to govern in trademark registrations.

Without a free system letters of protest, our intellectual property will be hijacked, degraded and overrun with frivolous marks. At the same time, the natural and essential feedback process that the letter of protest process provides will be harshly short-circuited.

Simple and personally stated, I would no longer be able to protect the intellectual content of my business.

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

Sincerely,  
C Caldwell  
Business owner

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