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When I heard the USPTO was considering charging \$100 to file an LOP against a frivolous trademark request my jaw dropped. How could that happen when the volume of frivolous trademarks getting requested and approved is mind-boggling? Unfortunately, I believe the sheer volume of frivolous requests has overwhelmed the legal teams in charge of reviewing the requests for approval or denial, and as a result, these trademark requests which clearly have no business ever being approved, are being approved at an alarming rate without the proper vetting and in attempt to simply clear the books. This stands as a risk to all free commerce and enterprise in the United States, which also puts our entire economy at risk as it's becoming a point where you can't use even common words such as "dog" which have been approved.

It's beyond my comprehension how these requests get approved, and the only resource entrepreneurs have to defend their right to run their business and contribute to the economy is to file LOP's to fight these ridiculous approvals. Adding a fee for free enterprise to fight these requests when they shouldn't have been approved in the first place is unconscionable. It is a direct threat to the American economy as we now know it. Please reconsider this proposal and put the burden further on those requesting the trademarks. Double or triple the fee to apply for a trademark to put a damper on the trolls who spend their entire day filing frivolous trademark requests to stop anyone from making a living using simple words such as "dog". Put the burden where it should be, with those trying to stifle the US economy and create a monopoly, and off of those who are fighting for all of us to share in the great freedom of business we have had for centuries here in the United States.

Thank you,  
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