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Subject: Against the \$100 Letter of Protest fee USPTO
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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to express my opposition against the implementation of a \$100 / 200 fee by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for filing letters of protest. I am concerned that this will harm fair competition and freedom of expression.

I file this letter of protest because the implementation of this fee will stop the produce of creatively produced content from people all over the world.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common / public use. These trademarks impact my and worldwide businesses because producers / designers will not be able to use even simple words describing the products / designs.

The establishing of such frivolous trademarks present a hardship to me because I am not longer able to sell my products / designs on the American marked and due to this am not able to generate revenue / tax for the State.

Following are some examples of frivolous trademarks which are from my perspective common / public domain:

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| War | 5544499 |
| Dogs | 5843989 |
| Public | 3838633 |
| Common | 5495017 |
| Happy | 5105193 |

Many small businesses worldwide are not able to challenge another's trademark in court or at the USPTO in an opposition or cancellation proceeding. Filing letters of protest are as of now be the best way for them to help prevent registration of certain words and symbols that should remain in the public domain available for use by everyone in a product / design.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include an online search to rule out widespread use.

As USTPO providing a public service, you should not make changes to trademark fees that discourage members of the public from helping examining attorneys reach an informed decision.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, consider

increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Sincerely,

Your name
Alexandra H.