It has come to my attention that there may be a fee charged to anyone filing a letter of protest against a frivolous trademark for everyday words like DOG BRIDE etc to name but a few. These words and similar are words that are mainly generic and should be accessible to all who wish to use them.

This basic right should not be abused by greedy individuals who choose to trademark simple words that only they can use who know quite well what they are doing and for financial gain and therefore shut down a creative process and freedom that should be accessible to everyone. The decision by USPTO to charge $ when a LOP is filled against a trivial trademark word or phrase only assists in the erosion of diversity and inclusion that comes from the preservation of creativity and freedom of speech a basic right that should not be abused or belittled by short term monetary gains.

So please reconsider your decision and do the right and good thing to stop charges of astronomical fees to individuals who just want a fair and just system in place for all to use and enjoy not just a few.

Yours Aileen Haggarty