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To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that a \$100-200 fee has been proposed for filing Letters of Protest for pending trademark applications. As a graphic designer it has become increasingly difficult to continue creating designs for classes 025 and 009 due to the unprecedented number of frivolous trademarks that are approved each year. It is the job of the USPTO to enforce the legal requirements for a valid trademark. Unfortunately many trademarks are approved that are ornamental use only. Most recently the trademark for "Dogs", Registration# 5843989 on 8/27/2019.

The intent of the LOP is to provide additional documentation for the examining attorney and should be welcomed by the USPTO. The ramifications of approving these frivolous trademarks is the loss of everyday, commons words and phrases that can no longer be used on graphic designs which is our livelihood. Please do not issue a fee to us (the protesters) for trying to reduce the number of frivolous trademarks.

Perhaps the LOP fee should be charged to the trademark applicant? This would discourage the rampant flow of applications which are most likely causing a huge backlog.

Thank you for your consideration,
Steven Law