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To Whom it may concern Recently I have found out that the USPTO is considering imposing a fee of \$100 or more just for submitting a letter of protest for new trademark applications. I think doing this will give people who file frivolous trademarks the green light to file as many as possible as it will be unaffordable for many small business to fight with the cost associated with filling a LOP. There are far too many trademarks which appear to be frivolous in nature. An example is the recent approval for the word Dogs (reg # 5843989). This simple word is used on literally thousands of products. Trademarks should be granted to protect brands, not to grant the ability of the trademark holder to issue takedown notices en masse - granting them sole access to a given market.

I urge you to reconsider creating a fee for submittal of letters of protest and help give small business a far go. This is the only avenue some people have to protect themselves and the marketplace they serve.

It's not just the little guy, this whole industry is fighting this issue!

Example : LTTB LLC vs. Redbubble.

Even (redbubble) is taken action and we the people believe if we don't fight frivolous trademarks then it will effect the whole industry, when those "frivolous trademarks" are overlooked, we believe, we can make a change for the better by reporting things, so we can get a new pair of fresh eyes on the matter. (Case) That's all we are asking.

After a bit of thinking, I don't believe it should be legal to charge someone for reporting ILLEGAL activities! This will be similar to paying and/or charging a fee for tipping the authorities' about some illegal matter taking place! No?

Kind regards

Small business owner