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I am writing to express my opposition to the USPTO's proposal to charge a \$100-\$200 fee for filing of a Letter of Protest. As an artist trying to make a living from print on demand type products the volume of common phrase and common word trademarks has become a very serious concern. It's becoming increasing difficult to put food on the table in this line of business.

One of the comments was that the increase in LOP submissions is costing more in review/time. These should be SAVING the USPTO money since it's purpose is to assist the reviewer in his research time.

It cost us money in time away from our businesses to research, compile, submit LOPs. It isn't something we enjoy, however it is our only process to hope our voice is heard.

Many of the recent year filings are small business owners that became frustrated by the impact on their own businesses by frivolous TMs so they decide the best way to battle it is file for their own. If USPTO were not so generous to register these as TMs, applicants would eventually learn it would be a waste of money to even attempt a TMs and THAT would save USPTO money.

Please consider charging more for TM registration rather than charging for LOPs. Otherwise this will impact a lot of livelihoods very negatively including my own.

Thank you for your time,
Regards,
Doreen