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Hello,

I would like to suggest there should NOT be a fee for letters of protest for filing trademarks. There is a definite trend for people to file copyright on words that have been in common usage for decades. This makes it impossible for others to create t-shirts and other items that have that saying. By charging the people who are only pointing out to the USPTO that the saying IS in public usage and should NOT have a copyright granted you are rewarding people for underhanded business.

This reward is then encouraged because people cannot afford to fight frivolous trademarks. I believe the problem is not with the people filing the letter of protest, but with the people filing frivolously. It would make more sense for the letters of protest to be free, and anyone found filing a frivolous copyright be charged a fee of \$175. this would cut down on people trying to file them, and therefore, the number of people filing letters of protest.

Sincerely,  
Laura Wolfe