To Whom It May Concern,

I am a small business owner who is working hard to get established in the online related space. I am asking you to remove any consideration for charging a fee for LOP's. There are too many frivolous trademarks applied for and the LOPs' are the only defense small business owners have to protect our businesses. If a fee must be charged, I would propose charging a fee to applicants whose applied-for mark does not function as a mark and receives a "failure-to-function" refusal according to TMEP 904.07(b). This may help reduce the current influx of frivolous trademark applications being submitted to the USPTO.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any further questions.

Kind regards,

Carla Batchelor