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Hello,

I am writing to say I hope the USPTO does not create a fee to file a Letter Of Protest (LOP). There are currently many individuals who seek to obtain trademarks for common phrases, or ideas they did not create. Currently the word "DUH" (5535385) and the phrase "I Love My Wife" (4541673) are trademarked. Two examples of many trademarks that should be fought, and many more will follow if a fee to file LOP's is instated. I suspect many oversea companies would start mass filing for common phrases, as some already do, but with a fee it would be almost impossible to report all the trademarks that shouldn't be allowed.

I hope you will not instate a fee and allow business owners to continue creating goods without being beholden to the few bad apples who seek to abuse the trademark system.

Thank you,

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