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Your new proposed fees for LOPs only encourages frivolous trademark filings which then will lead to additional frivolous bullying and lawsuits that can all be avoided.

If any LOP fees are considered they should be charged to the person who filed the frivolous trademark. The applicant has then wasted the time of the USPTO and person needing to file an LOP.

An LOP being filed should be considered helpful as it is the research already done for your examining attorney, at no cost to you.

There are way too many frivolous trademarks being filed and somehow making it through your system even when they completely violate your own rules.

Something needs to be done to stop these frivolous trademarks from even making it past the first review.

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