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We strongly oppose the \$400 fee of filing documents in non-DOCX format. On the contrary, the PDF format is the best and safest format for ensuring that no text becomes garbled or otherwise corrupted by the USPTO system. There is no standard for the DOCX format contrary to what the USPTO would like people to believe. It is well known and documented that DOCX files that contain mathematical formulae get corrupted by the USPTO system; indeed even tables get corrupted. Therefore, on the contrary, the preferred format should be PDF with no penalty fees.

We also strongly oppose any practitioner fee – the USPTO should be able to fund itself just fine with patent fees not practitioner fees.

Best regards,

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