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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest. A fee would present a hardship for many as not all of us have the financial resources to defend or protest.

Charging for letters of protest is a massive violation on many levels. Letters of Protests would NOT need to be filed if the USPTO examining attorneys practiced due diligence in approving trademarks!

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include an online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, please consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Sincerely,

Kelly Eldon