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Hello to Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest. This is becoming more and more ridiculous. Why don't you put \$100 fee for people who are filling those ridiculous trademarks on common words? I cannot stress enough how bad this will be.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use.

Here are a few samples, of what I mean: I LOVE MY WIFE 4541673
NO SLEEP 3812057
I WILL WIN 5542855
MISTAKES 5544220
DOGS 5843989
BUSY MOM 5250857
And the list goes on and on and on....

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

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

Sincerely,

Michaela H.