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Subject: Proposed levy for filing Letter of Protest
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To whom it may concern:

I understand that there is a proposal to levy a fee of \$100 for submitting evidence in a Letter of Protest against newly filed trademarks.

While I appreciate it takes time and effort to process the Letters of Protest, this burden would be lessened if it was more difficult for applicants trying to register frivolous trademarks who provide merely ornamental evidence in their TM applications.

I respectfully submit that it would be better to raise the fees for the Initial application as this will deter people from attempting to file the frivolous mark in the first place.

This is surely a better solution than attempting to deter those legitimately protesting against the flood of frivolous applications being submitted.

Kindly therefore reconsider the proposal to charge a fee for filing a Letter of Protest.

Thank you,

Andrew Macaskill