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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.

Letters of protest are filed because it has become increasingly difficult to creating designs for classes 025 and 009 due to the unprecedented number of frivolous trademarks that are approved each year. Unfortunately many trademarks are approved that are ornamental use only. For example the trademark for "Dogs", Registration# 5843989 on 8/27/2019, and many others similar in nature.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. The LOP is the only way for small businesses to be able to have any voice against frivolous trademarks that are being sent to the USPTO on a daily basis.

As a small business owner this fee would present a hardship to me as I can not afford to pay that large fee each time I feel it necessary to report a frivolous trademark, as is the case for most of my colleagues.

Please maintain the ability to present LOP evidence that supports using trademarks in the way the law intends and 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,  
Ronda Perius