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As a small business owner and having to deal with the run away train called frivolous trademarks I encourage you NOT to implement this fee.

The way it's presently set up is difficult enough to try to stop persons from obtaining a TM that isn't being used as a source of goods but rather than as a stranglehold on a popular phrase/word in order to take out competition.

With the proposed fee it will make it impossible to HELP the USPTO do research into what abusers are up to.

Some examples are "Mama Bear" the person that attempted to TM that phrase, although it has been used on products decoratively for years was issuing take down notices to corner the market. The person that owns the "Bride" TM is notorious for TM words and issuing take down notices knowing court challenges are too costly so she gets away with it. What else do you call a bride? The USPTO has effectively taken that word out of the English language and given it to a single entity to use.

I would encourage the USPTO to implement more stringent rules on getting a TM and follow present guidelines rather than make it more difficult to protest those that abuse the system. The flood of LOP's should be a wake up call that the system of registration is broken and the LOP's would slow considerably if there wasn't a need for them in the first place.