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Subject: Fees for filing letters of protest.
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Dear Catherine,

I write to you with concerns about the proposed cost to file Letters of Protest against trademarks as detailed in the document "Table_of_Trademark_Fees_Current_Proposed_and_Unit_Cost_Aug2019.xlsx"

The USPTO has been granting many trademarks that are being used not as a brand, but for use as frivolous slogans and the like. This is making it extremely difficult for anyone to work to design products and apparel, as basic words are being trademarked.

The system of Letters of Protest is the only way that other business owners can highlight to the USPTO the common use of these words and phrases, before they are granted a trademark.

The reason I have been submitting Letters Of Protest against what i see as frivolous applications is because I am seeing trademarks go through that are actually words in common use, so I feel it is important that the attorneys see it clearly laid out as helpfully as possible.

To add a fee to this will mean that Letter of Protest numbers will drop significantly, but this work still needs to be done. In a way you are getting free work done for the USPTO with this system.

I request that you do not add a fee to the submission of a Letter of Protest.

Should you need to re-coup any costs, as an alternative you could raise the cost of registering a trademark rather than adding a cost to those trying to assist you in your work.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Alice Good.