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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to the USPS and the Letter of Protest filing fee proposal. I am a small business owner who sells merchandise on various print on demand platforms, these include Amazon, Redbubble, Spreadshirt, and Teespring.

I am very concerned about the proposal to charge a fee for any Letter of Protest that is filed. The USPTO has been issuing frivolous trademarks for everyday words and it is making it more difficult to run a business. It is my understanding that trademarks are used to establish a brand name and single words in every day use, should not be allowed to be trademarked. However, the USPTO recently approved a trademark for "Dogs" (*Registration Number 5843989; Serial Number 88299285; Registration Date August 27, 2019; Goods and Services IC 025 US 022 039*).

We need a way to file a Letter of Protest for these frivolous trademarks that people are trying to file. If the examine attorney would check the evidence on some of these trademarks, it would be obvious that they are generic and not working as a trademark.

I would ask that you please reconsider that proposal to charge

a fee for Letters of Protest. If you are looking to raise money for the USPTO, I would recommend charging a fee for those people who file a trademark that ends up being refused because it is frivolous.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Jensen
Small Business Owner