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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.

I file letters of protest because there is a need to keep the USPTO accountable for their actions. The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business because commonly used words or phrases are no ones property and should be allowed to be put on merchandise without concern of being shut down.

A fee would present a hardship to me because much of my business is making customized gifts using common phrases and words.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include an online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening us small business owners by having time pay for letters of protest, please consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational cost.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Payne
Business owner