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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 of these frivolous trademarks from scammers who steal our livelihood from these greedy individuals.

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business in these ways that I have put in the hard work and someone comes along and trademarks a simple word that is on my design.

A fee would present a hardship to me because we are already paying for your service.

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 small business owners with paying for letters of protest, please consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Angie Schoen
Business owner