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To: [TM FR Notices](#)
Subject: Proposed Fee for Filing a Letter of Protest
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Hello,

Re : Proposed Fee for Filing a Letter of Protest

It came to my attention today that your office has proposed charging a fee to file an LOP (Letter of Protest).

This fee would be unfair and it would punish people who are simply seeking to protect themselves from frivolous trademark filings.

The system should be set up to punish those who apply for common word or commonly used trademarks, not the people who are fighting to keep these words and phrases from being pushed through.

Please reconsider the fee. This fee would allow more frivolous trademarks to pass through the system because it would set a considerable financial barrier to those who wish to file an appeal.

Regards,
John Duckworth