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Subject: U.S. Trademark Registration No. 2500525 - CITIZENS FOR A BETTER AMERICA - N/A
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United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
Office Action (Official Letter) About Owner's Trademark Registration

U.S. Registration No. 2500525

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Reference/Docket No. N/A

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OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive the owner's response to this letter within the time period specified below. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears below.

Issue date: October 28, 2022

The Combined Section 8 Affidavit & Section 9 Renewal Application submitted on 4/22/2022, cannot be accepted for the reasons set forth below.

DOMICILE ADDRESS REQUIRED

Owner/holder must provide owner's/holder's domicile address. All post registration filings must include the owner's/holder's domicile address, and domicile dictates whether an owner/holder is required to have an attorney who is an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a U.S. state or territory represent the owner/holder at the USPTO. See 37 C.F.R. §§2.2(o)-(p), 2.11(a), 2.189; TMEP §601.

An individual owner's domicile is the place a person resides and intends to be the person's principal home. See 37 C.F.R. §2.2(o); TMEP §601.01. A juristic entity owner's domicile is the principal place of business, i.e., headquarters, where a juristic entity's senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the entity's activities. 37 C.F.R. §2.2(p); TMEP §601.01. An owner/holder whose domicile is located outside of the United States or its territories is foreign-domiciled and must be represented at the USPTO by a U.S.-licensed attorney qualified to practice before the USPTO under 37 C.F.R. §11.14. 37 C.F.R. §2.11(a); TMEP §601.01(a).

The post registration filing lists the owner as an individual and specifies the owner's domicile as a post office box or mail forwarding service instead of a street address, "c/o" or in "care of" another party's address, or an address that is not a street address. In most cases, a post office box, a mail forwarding service, an address that is listed as "c/o" or in "care of" another party's address, or an address that is not a street address is not acceptable as a domicile address because it does not identify the location of the place the owner resides and intends to be the owner's principal home/the owner's headquarters where the entity's senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the entity's activities. See 37 C.F.R. §§2.2(o)-(p), 2.189; TMEP §601.01. Thus, the owner/holder must provide its domicile street address. See 37 C.F.R. §2.189. Alternatively, an owner/holder may demonstrate that the listed address is, in fact, the owner's/holder's domicile. TMEP §601.01(b)(1).

If the owner/holder wants to hide its domicile address from public view because of privacy or other concerns, the owner/holder must have a mailing address that can be made public and differs from its domicile address. In this case, the owner/holder must follow the steps below in the correct order to ensure the domicile address will be hidden.

In the [Response to Post-Registration Office Action](#) form:

- (1) Answer "Yes" to the wizard question asking, "Do you need to update the owner's/holder's mailing address, email address, phone or fax number?" and click "Continue;"
- (2) On the "Owner Information" page, if the previously provided mailing address has changed, the owner/holder must enter its new mailing address in the "Mailing Address" field, which will be publicly viewable;
- (3) On the "Owner Information" page, uncheck the box next to "Domicile Address" and enter the new domicile address in the text box immediately below the checkbox.

The owner/holder may demonstrate that the address listed in the post registration filing is, in fact, the owner's/holder's domicile by providing documentation to support the owner's/holder's domicile address or provide a detailed explanation that the owner/holder has no fixed physical address.

To provide documentation to support the owner's domicile address, the owner/holder should provide documentation showing the name and listed domicile address of the individual/the most recent documentation showing that the address is the owner's business headquarters, for example one of the following: (1) a current, valid signed rental, lease, or mortgage agreement; (2) a current, valid homeowner's, renter's, or motor vehicle insurance policy; or (3) a computer-generated bill issued by a utility company dated no earlier than 60 days before the filing date of the post registration filing/(1) the most recent final annual or quarterly report or other similar report; or (2) a current, valid signed rental, lease, or mortgage agreement for office space. TMEP §601.01(b)-(b)(1); see 37 C.F.R. §2.11(b). Submitted documentation must show the name, listed domicile address, and the date of the document but should redact other personal and financial information.

To provide a detailed explanation that the owner has no fixed physical address, if the owner/holder has no physical place where the owner/holder resides and intends to be its principal home/headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the business (e.g., because business is conducted virtually), the owner/holder should state for the record that the owner/holder has no fixed physical address and provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances.

RESPONSE TIME DEADLINE: A complete response must be received within 6 months from the issuance date of this Office action. The owner must respond to all inquiries set forth in this Office action to avoid cancellation and/or expiration of the registration. *If a response is not received, and there is no time remaining in the grace period to file a new affidavit, the registration will be cancelled and will expire in its entirety.* 37 C.F.R. §§2.163(b)-(c) and 2.184(b); TMEP §§1604.16 and 1606.12.

How to respond. [Click to file a Response to Post-Registration Office action.](#)

Direct questions about this Office action to the Post Registration staff member below.

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RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- **Response must be received** by the USPTO before midnight **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. TEAS maintenance or [unforeseen circumstances](#) could affect an owner's ability to timely respond.
- [Responses signed by an unauthorized party](#) are not accepted or processed. If the owner does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual owner, all joint owners, or someone with [legal authority to bind a juristic owner](#). If the owner has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
- If needed, find [contact information for the supervisor](#) of the office or unit listed in the signature block.

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USPTO OFFICIAL NOTICE

Office action (Official Letter) or Notice has issued
on 10/28/2022 for

U.S. Trademark Application Ser./Registration No. 2500525

A USPTO staff member has reviewed your trademark document and issued an Office action or notice. You may be required to respond to this Office action or notice. Follow the steps below.

(1) [Read the Office action or notice](#). This email is NOT the Office action or notice.

(2) **Respond to the Office action or notice, if a response is required.** Respond by the deadline using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Your response must be received by the USPTO on or before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. Otherwise, your application may be [abandoned](#) or registration may be cancelled and/or expired and/or your document rejected. See the Office action or notice itself regarding how to respond.

(3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO [website](#), the application or registration maintenance process, the status of your application or registration, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the [Trademark Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#). After reading the Office action or notice, address any question(s) regarding the specific content to the USPTO staff member identified in the Office action or notice.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

[Check the status](#) of your application or registration periodically in the [Trademark Status & Document Retrieval \(TSDR\)](#) database to avoid missing critical deadlines.

[Update your correspondence email address](#) to ensure you receive important USPTO notices about your application or registration.

[Beware of trademark-related scams.](#) Protect yourself from people and companies that may try to take financial advantage of you. Private companies may call you and pretend to be the USPTO or may send you communications that resemble official USPTO documents to trick you. We will never request your credit card number or social security number over the phone. And all official USPTO correspondence will only be emailed from the domain "@uspto.gov." Verify the correspondence originated from us by using your application serial number or registration number in our database, [TSDR](#), to confirm that it appears under the "Documents" tab, or contact the [Trademark Assistance Center](#).

[Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney.](#) If you do not have an attorney and are not required to have one under the trademark rules, we encourage you to hire a U.S.-licensed attorney specializing in trademark law to help guide you through the registration or registration maintenance process.