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BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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CANDLE SCIENCE, LLC,)	Opposition No. 91284805
Opposer,)	Application Ser. No.: 97336471
)	Mark: CANDLE LAB (and design)
)	
v. GRACE TINGTING FU)	
Applicant)	
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**APPLICANT’S RESPONSE TO OPPOSER’S
MOTION FOR SANCTIONS
CASE : 91284805**

United States Patent and Trademark Office
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
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Subject: Response to Opposer’s Motion for Sanctions (Opposition No. 91284805)

Dear Trademark Trial and Appeal Board,

I am writing in response to the Opposer’s Motion for Sanctions filed by Candle Science, LLC, regarding my trademark application for “CANDLE LAB and Design” (Serial No. 97/336,471).

I sincerely appreciate the Board's patience throughout this process and wish to offer my deepest apologies for the delays in my participation.

This trademark is deeply significant to both my family and my business. After losing my father in 2021, I turned to candle-making as a source of healing, which grew into a business dedicated to bringing light and comfort to others. Over the past few months, I have worked tirelessly to equip myself with basic trademark knowledge, driven by a deep determination to protect what I have built.

I believe I have the right to use this trademark, not just as a business asset but as a symbol of resilience and hope. Standing against a large corporation is challenging, but I remain committed to defending my vision and honoring my father's memory through this endeavor.

I hope the Board can restart the process for the reasons outlined below:

- Over the past six months, I have been dedicating almost half of my time to studying trademark law in the hope of representing myself in this case effectively. As a small business owner without prior legal experience, I felt it was necessary to educate myself to navigate this process independently. This journey has been challenging but critical for me to understand my rights and responsibilities and to advocate for my business and this trademark.

- After my previous counsel withdrew due to financial difficulties, I encountered significant challenges in securing affordable legal representation promptly. Despite these constraints, I made continuous efforts to comply and sought extensions when necessary.

- The "CANDLE LAB" trademark is more than a business asset to me—it represents my personal journey and professional aspirations. After the loss of my father, I found solace and healing in candle aromatherapy, which inspired me to create this business. The name "Lab" reflects my time at MIT, symbolizing a space for discovery, resilience, and innovation. This brand is my way of sharing hope and comfort with others who face difficulties. Losing this trademark would not only impact my livelihood but also undermine a deeply personal mission to make a positive difference.

Why This Trademark is important to me:

1. This trademark is the cornerstone of my brand identity, enabling me to distinguish my products in a competitive market dominated by larger corporations. It represents my commitment to quality and authenticity, which resonate with my customers.

2. The creation of this brand has been a labor of love, and it embodies my aspirations as an entrepreneur. Securing this trademark would allow me to continue pursuing my vision and contributing to my community in meaningful ways.

Proposed Actions Moving Forward

To address the Board's concerns and demonstrate my commitment:

1. Full Compliance:

I am prepared to provide all required discovery responses and documents promptly **IF THE OPPOSER CAN CLARIFY WHAT WAS MISSING FROM MY PREVIOUS RESPONSE**. Some questions were answered in my previous response. Given the time that has passed, I am certain there are new updates to the documents that the Opposer provided.

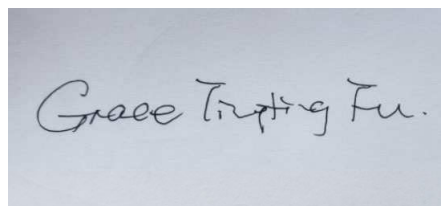
Conclusion

I respectfully request the Board to consider my position as a small business owner with limited resources, the personal significance of this trademark, and my renewed commitment to this proceeding. Securing this trademark is vital not only to my business but also to fulfilling a mission rooted in resilience, innovation, and community support.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration. I am ready to provide any additional information or clarification as needed.

Sincerely,

Grace Tingting Fu

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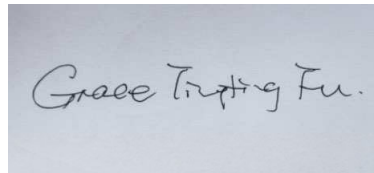
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APPLICANT’S NOTICE OF SELF-REPRESENTATION

Comes now, Applicant, Grace Tingting Fu, (“Applicant”), in response to the Board’s Order of May 17, 2024, 22 TTABVUE hereby advises that she will represent herself in pro per.



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