

## Response To Suspension

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Dear PTO:  
Re: 87212124

I write on behalf of all of us here from the “Original “ members of the band and self contained featured artist group called CAMEO.

**History:** I am Gregory Johnson keyboard player, arranger and vocals of the performing group CAMEO. It was I who suggested using the name Cameo from viewing a pack of Canadian cigarettes (named CAMEO) in a Canadian store in Canada of course, when we worked there as an up and coming group back in 1975. Due to another very popular group at the time, called “The Ohio Players,” and to avoid more conflict with them, we were forced to changed our then name from “The New York City Players,” to the name I saw on the cigarette pack, CAMEO. We have all continued to use this name to this day since that time, to make a living, support our lives and families.

**Complaint:**The suspension of TM application # 87212124 , has caused our group Cameo, which we ( Gregory Johnson, Nathan Leftenant, Arnett Leftenant, Jeryl Bright) are members, great damage and harm. Our current record release has been pulled from digital record stores, we have lost promotional revenue, we are unable to go out and perform shows. Cameo was conceived as a self contain music group or band, not one person, we all have our individual roles and together have created the brand the world now know as one of the greatest funk bands in R & B history. we feel that, its ethically and frankly unfair, that one individual namely Larry Blackmon should be the sole beneficiary of what's left of the market for all of the members. He is stopping us from using the name because of his earlier trademark application for the name CAMEO. We hope that a trademark inter office decision does not uphold suspension of our application so that we can continue.

**Damages :** **Current record pulled from from shelf**  
**Lost promotional revenue**  
**Unable to perform live shows as CAMEO or Original Cameo Family**  
**Losing potential revenue**  
**Public Embarrassment**

**What we want:** Because it can be proven and is widely know that Cameo indeed is a band or group, with Mr.Larry Blackmon being one of several lead singers who rose to fame from wearing a red cod-piece, he Blackmon, however does not make up the entire band or group and therefore should not solely own or control the name CAMEO as such, as it pertains in this instance, for the sole purpose of impeding equal band or other featured group members from rightfully using it.

we ask the PTO:

**1) to not uphold the suspension against application # 87212124 for confusion of using the name CAMEO for a musical performing group, we the applicants have just as much right to use this name**

**2) or issue a cancellation/suspension of application #87147872**

We feel that this solution is fair for all parties involved, until a higher court of law can determine what's fair and just for a situation of this kind.

**Exhibits:** Please click here to see Cameo live on Don kirshners rock concert.  
Here, Larry Blackmon is seen playing drums, not standing out front  
In a red cod-piece: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dD2DgGeR2Co>

**Exhibits:** 1) The Group's very first record as "The Players" ( could not use this name)  
2) The Group's very first record as "CAMEO" (same song with new name)  
3) Cameo's very First Album (front and back)  
4) Cameo's latest single cover "We in the house" released in Nov. 2016  
5) current contract for employment( Missed engagement contract)  
6) A few concert promo posters