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Political Committee
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Dear Comrades of the Political Committee,

I wish to register my protest at the expulsion of the Internationalist Tendency from the Socialist Workers Party. I do not deny that some of the recent actions by the IT have put into question the loyalty of some of their members to the discipline required of members in the SWP. However, there have been numerous provocations by the LTF which have also been unwarranted and have put the norms of democratic centralism in some jeopardy.

Although I have never joined the IT, I want to reaffirm my substantial agreement with the International Majority Tendency as opposed to the LTF. This agreement has increased since the Tenth World Congress, on the basis, especially, of recent developments in Argentina and Portugal.

Because of this position, I am extremely alarmed by what appears to be a stepped-up drive toward split of the Fourth International on the part of the LTF - beginning with the expulsion of the IT. Obviously I cannot support this perspective and feel my own party membership is jeopardized by it.

I am sending a copy of this statement to the Houston SWP National Committee member/Organizer and requesting it be read at the next branch meeting.

Comradely,

Debby Leonard
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cc.: Nelson Blackstock