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Sherry Chen Receives Justice After Being Wrongfully Terminated from the U.S. Department of Commerce

SACRAMENTO, CA – After appealing to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) on the wrongful employment termination by the U.S. Department of Commerce, a decision determined by the Chief Administrative Judge Schroeder of the MSPB board ruled that the Department of Commerce (DOC) did not have sufficient evidence nor cause to fire Sherry Chen from the National Weather Service in Wilmington, Ohio. Administrative Judge Schroeder has ordered the agency to (1) Reinstatement her employment at the National Weather Service and (2) Pay her back plus benefits.

On March 14 and 15, 2017, a public hearing was held in Cincinnati, Ohio regarding Chen's pending appeal with the MSPB. Administrative Judge Schroeder took testimony from various witnesses and reviewed other evidence regarding the circumstances of Chen's termination. Three and a half years after her wrongful arrest in October 2014 and two years after her employment termination in March 2016, it was after the detailed and meticulous 130+ page decision that finally brought justice to Chen.

The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) would like to acknowledge and recognize all the supporters and the community for uniting during this strenuous and improbable time. APAPA is pleased to know that Chen has, not only been exonerated from charges, but finally receiving justice. We stand behind promoting and supporting fair and equal rights for all Americans and hope that this educates and brings awareness to issues regarding wrongful accusations amongst Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans.

For more information regarding Sherry Chen's story, please visit: <https://www.sherrychendefensefund.org/>

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