

May 10, 2018

Dear Donors and Friends,

The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) issued a decision on Sherry's appeal of the termination of her employment by the Department of Commerce (DOC) on April 23. The judge concluded that Sherry was the "victim of a gross injustice" and the injustice was caused by mishandling of the case at multiple levels of DOC. You can read the entire 135-page decision [here](#).

The MSPB ruling was overwhelmingly in favor of Sherry. Top DOC officials in the case were described to be so blinded to the facts that the judge said "I would not have been surprised if they rejected that $2 + 2 = 4$." Scandalous activities in DOC were revealed in the MSPB hearing.

For example, the investigative agent concealed and manipulated relevant evidence, and the General Counsel excluded a dozen or so sworn statements that are favorable to Sherry from the MSPB hearing while the responsible officials stayed silent.

This is one hard-fought victory in a long battle for Sherry. She was first wrongly accused of downloading confidential data for China in 2014 and then fired from her job in 2016 for the same justifications used in the dismissed criminal case. Sherry is courageously fighting not only for herself but also our entire community. Your support has been crucial for her to reach this significant milestone.

The MSPB decision will become final on May 28 unless there is an appeal. Recent indication is that DOC plans to seek an extension to consider appealing. This would be an outrageously unfair and unjust action by DOC to continue wasting taxpayers' dollars from you and me to persecute Sherry.

On behalf of the Sherry Chen Legal Defense Fund, I wrote to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross (attached), requesting him to comply with the MSPB decision and initiate a thorough and independent investigation of the problems identified by the MSPB.

I urge you to write to Secretary Ross and express your displeasure if DOC does not comply with the MSPB order. Justice for Sherry should not be further delayed. His email address is WLRoss@doc.gov. His mailing address is

The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

A press conference is being planned for the second half of May. It will be held in Congress. You are invited to attend the event, let us know of your message to Secretary Ross, and/or make a donation again to the Sherry Chen Legal Defense Fund. Updates about this event and progress of Sherry's case will be posted at <https://www.sherrychendefensefund.org/>.

Thank you.

The Sherry Chen Legal Defense Fund