BREAKING: We just reached a historic settlement with the US government for our client Sherry Chen after it unlawfully investigated, prosecuted, and fired her.

This is a win for Sherry and for all Asian American scientists who have been unjustly profiled and prosecuted.

REPLY

Back in 2012, a rogue security unit within the Commerce Department unlawfully investigated Sherry as part of a broad pattern of discrimination directed at Chinese Americans.

The unit, which has since been disbanded, falsely painted her as a spy for China.


REPLY

Sherry was arrested in front of her coworkers, put in a solitary cell at the courthouse jail, and threatened with 25 years in prison and $1 million in fines.

Eventually the Justice Department dropped all charges — but Sherry’s ordeal wasn’t over.

REPLY

Sherry was fired from her position with the National Weather Service, where she worked for years as an award-winning hydrologist.

In 2018, a judge found her termination unlawful and a “gross injustice,” but the government appealed, placing her on indefinite leave until now.

REPLY

With this settlement, Sherry will receive compensation for the nightmare she endured.

She will also have a 1-on-1 meeting with a senior government official, as well as a letter recognizing her extensive accomplishments in the service of our country.

REPLY

Government profiling and discrimination are unacceptable.

Sherry’s victory makes it clear: When the government labels us a threat because of our race or ethnicity, we will hold them accountable.

[Insert photo of Sherry]