

Pension Funds Should Divest of Cue Group Owned in KKR Fund, says UFCW;  
New UFCW website details Cue's Collaboration with China's Surveillance Agency

Washington, DC --- United Food and Commercial Workers International Union calls on public pension funds invested in KKR Asian Fund III to divest of Cue Group, a Chinese artificial intelligence company that collaborated with an arm of the Ministry of Public Security, the organ that oversees the surveillance system in China.<sup>1</sup>

"We believe it is fundamentally wrong for public employees' retirement to fund any collaboration with China's repressive surveillance state," says David Young, International Vice President of UFCW, in [letters](#) delivered to state pension funds in Oregon and Florida, among others.

A new website called [KKRChinaExposed.com](http://KKRChinaExposed.com) and prepared by UFCW documents how Cue jointly developed surveillance technology in 2020 with a government lab run by China's First Research Institute of the Ministry of Public Security.<sup>2</sup>

The website also documents the ownership of Cue, Cue's technology, and details about the First Research Institute's role in China's surveillance apparatus.

A February investigation published by [The Wire China](#) obtained confirmation from the Chinese government lab of Cue's collaboration, while KKR and Cue denied it and removed website references to it.<sup>3</sup>

*The Wire China* quoted a corporate ethics expert saying: "If a private equity firm's portfolio company works with China's surveillance apparatus, he says, 'It could hardly be a more direct line between their investment and human rights violations.'"

Cue is a portfolio company of KKR Asian Fund III, which is managed by KKR & Co. [NYSE: KKR].

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<sup>1</sup> *The Wire China*, The Surveillance Stake, <https://www.thewirechina.com/2022/02/20/the-surveillance-stake/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.36kr.com/newsflashes/3280086532097>

<sup>3</sup> *The Wire China*, The Surveillance Stake, <https://www.thewirechina.com/2022/02/20/the-surveillance-stake/>