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Hello, my comment comes from the perspective of our 2025 CalISEED funded startup company EcoRecycleTech and we are developing a battery and pack design concept to enable battery circularity. If electrification can reach the level of penetration into our lives as imagined by the 5 EPIC thrusts we suggest it is necessary to also deeply consider the life-cycle, circularity, reuse and recycling pathways, supply chain, and environmental and economic impacts of the key parts of this ecosystem we are building. If we don't, this electrified future will come with a massive and costly waste problem that today's (battery) recycling solutions do not effectively solve. And so, we recommend consideration and emphasis of circularity in the design of technologies for this clean future and for today's and tomorrow's funding programs that hope to get us there. And finally, we are grateful to funding programs such as EPIC that helped early stage technology developers move their visions of a sustainable future closer to reality.