

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING PRIZE



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Concept

- **Two innovations are needed**
 - **Impetus to recycle batteries**
 - **Technology to maximize critical mineral recovery / minimize reliance on imports**

Approach

- **Leverage existing facilities and processes**
- **Adapt to serve Li-ion collection market**
- **Create economic incentive to drive behavior / reduce barrier to inact**

- **Insert technical solution at recycling plant**
- **Maximize recovery of cobalt**

Potential Impact

- **Recovery of latent value of cobalt in homes & garages, heading to landfills across the United States**
- **Circular economy for cobalt provides economic driver to recover other materials**
- **An estimated \$570MM opportunity in 2018 alone**