



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

October 5, 2022

The Honorable John Barrasso, M.D.  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joni K. Ernst  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Barrasso and Ernst:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 14, 2022, expressing your concerns about the Department of Energy's apparent transfer of vanadium redox battery technology to China. In accordance with our procedures, we are conducting a thorough review of this matter to determine what steps may be appropriate for the Office of Inspector General.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Your staff is welcome to contact my Chief of Staff, Ryan Cocolin, at 202-586-8672 or [Ryan.Cocolin@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Ryan.Cocolin@hq.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teri L. Donaldson".

Teri L. Donaldson  
Inspector General