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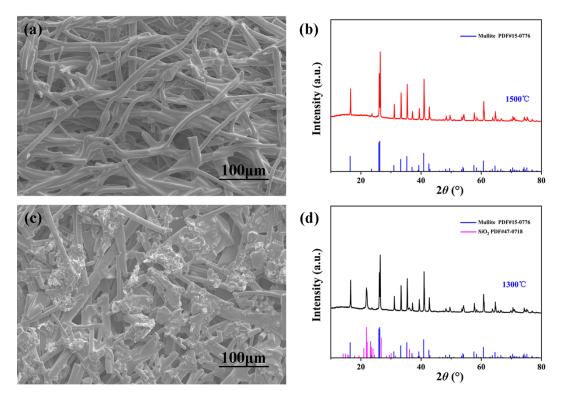
## **Application of 3D Mullite Fiber Matrix as a Lithiophilic Interlayer in Lithium Metal Anode**

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**Figure S1**. SEM images and XRD patterns of 3D mullite fiber sheet sintering at  $1500^{\circ}$ C (a, b) and  $1300^{\circ}$ C (c,d).

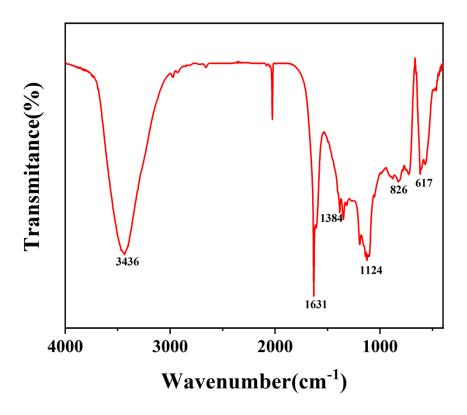


Figure S2. FTIR spectrum of mullite fiber sheet.

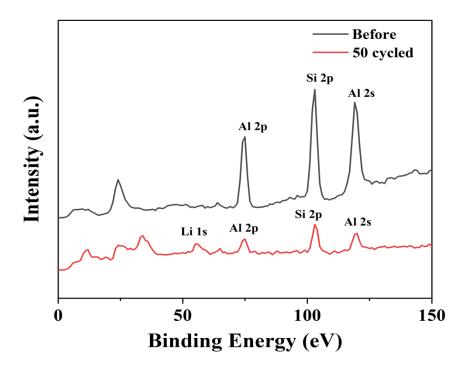


Figure S3. XPS survey spectrum of the 3D mullite fiber sheet.

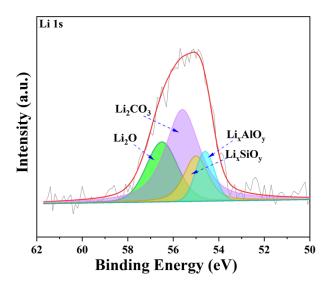
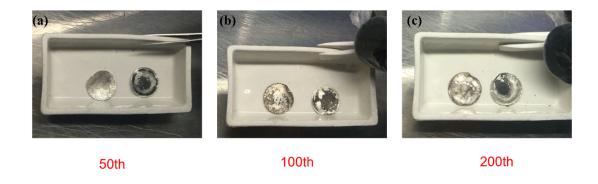


Figure S4. High-resolution XPS spectra of Li 1s for 3D mullite fiber sheet after 50 cycles.



**Figure S5**. Optical observation of mullite fibers/Li composite electrode (left) and bare Li electrode (right) surface appearance at a current density of 1.0 mA·cm<sup>-2</sup> with 0.5 mAh·cm<sup>-2</sup> after different cycles, 50th (a), 100th (b), 200th (c).

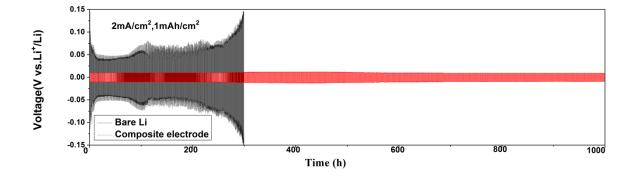


Figure S6. Comparisons of cycling performance between bare Li and mullite fibers/Li

composite electrode symmetric cells at a current density of 2.0 mA·cm<sup>-2</sup> with 1 mAh·cm<sup>-2</sup>.