## **Supplementary Information**

## A free-standing, flexible and bendable lithium-ion anode materials with improved performance

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Fig. S1 FT-IR spectra of GO and non-woven cotton.



Fig. S2 SEM images of non-woven cotton low (a) and high (b) magnification.



Fig. S3 SEM images and EDS mapping of the C/SnO<sub>2</sub> (a-e), CG/SnO<sub>2</sub> (f-j).



Fig. S4 SEM images of CGN/SnO<sub>2</sub> in cross section low (a), EDS mapping of C (b), Sn (c), O element (d), and cross high magnification (e).



Fig. S5 TGA curves of the cotton, C/SnO<sub>2</sub>, CG/SnO<sub>2</sub>, and CGN/SnO<sub>2</sub> composites.



Fig. S6 Cycling performance of carbonized cotton, CG, and CGN.

The cycling performance of carbonized cotton, CG, and CGN at 50 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> in the voltage range of 0.001-3 V. As shown in Fig. S6, after 60 cycles, the capacities of carbonized cotton, CG, and CGN are 149.1, 91.5, and 176.9 mAh g<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S7 Cycling performance of CGN composite.





Fig. S8 SEM images of C/SnO<sub>2</sub> (a), CG/SnO<sub>2</sub> (b), and CGN/SnO<sub>2</sub> electrode cycling at 260  $\mu$ A cm<sup>-2</sup> after 60 cycles.