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**Announcement  
Franconia District Supervisor Rodney Lusk  
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Mr. Chairman –

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 23, 2023, I made a motion to direct the County Executive to assign staff from the Department of Economic Initiatives to prepare a Board Item in support of the reconstitution of the Grubstake Breakfast, in partnership with George Mason University (GMU). Thanks to the Board of Supervisors, the Board Matter passed unanimously.

I am appreciative to the Chairman and the Board of Supervisors for committing \$450,000 in funding over a three-year period to reignite the program, now called the Accelerate Breakfast Series.

I am pleased to announce that this past Friday, April 12, 2024, I attended the first event of the Accelerate Breakfast Series, which had over 120 attendees. Five companies presented to a panel of venture capital and angel investors, including Service Robotics and Technologies (SRT Labs), a company operating in the Franconia District.

The next event of the Accelerate Breakfast Series is scheduled on July 19, 2024.