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Michael Ferrara* (mjf@uakron.edu), The University of Akron, and **John Schmitt**, Middlebury College. *A Lower Bound for Potentially H -graphic Sequences.*

We consider a variation of the classical Turán-type extremal problem. Let π be an n -element graphic sequence, and $\sigma(\pi)$ be the sum of the terms in π . Let H be a graph. We wish to determine the smallest m such that any n -term graphic sequence π having $\sigma(\pi) \geq m$ has some realization containing H as a subgraph. Denote this value m by $\sigma(H, n)$. For an arbitrarily chosen H , we construct a graphic sequence $\pi^*(H, n)$ such that $\sigma(\pi^*(H, n)) + 2 \leq \sigma(H, n)$. Furthermore, we conjecture that equality holds in general, as this is the case for all choices of H where $\sigma(H, n)$ is currently known. We support this conjecture by examining the complements of triangle-free graphs and showing that the conjecture holds in this broad class. (Received January 23, 2008)