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Commander Gary Cameron
Columbus Division of Police
120 Marconi Blvd.
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Dear Comander Cameron:

Our Greenhouse Coordinator, Mr. Jim Vent, informed me of the possibility of securing plant grow lights for our Howlett Hall Greenhouse from you. I support this and wish to express my gratitude to you for considering this donation to our department here at The Ohio State University.

Our greenhouses are a very active and key component of our teaching, research, and outreach education and training programs. As Mr. Vent pointed out, only about half of our greenhouse space has supplemental lighting. Supplemental lighting greatly enhances our ability to keep plants growing vigorously during the winter months when the days are shorter. Being able to extend the day length in more compartments will increase our capacity during the time of year when we most need greenhouse space to meet our undergraduate teaching needs. It will enable more of our graduate students to utilize the space for research projects. Receiving a donation of light fixtures from the Columbus Police Department would be most appreciated, especially since we are currently facing challenging budget reductions that make it very difficult to allocate funds for additional equipment like this.

On behalf of our entire department, our faculty, greenhouse staff, and our students I would like to thank you for considering a donation of plant grow lights to our greenhouse facility here on The Ohio State University campus. It will enhance the quality of our instructional and research capacity.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Mark Sulc".

R. Mark Sulc
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