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RE: Cartoonists Take Up Smoking

Dear Lori,

I apologize for the delay in updating you on the status of your proposal. We moved to a new location this winter around the same time that we experienced a number of staff changes. It's been slow getting things back in line. But now that our spring Board Meeting in Kansas City is out of the way, processes are starting to return to normal, and I am getting back to the proposal reviews. I thank you for your patience and apologize again for the delay in my response.

We have reviewed your exhibition proposal *Cartoonists Take Up Smoking*, and although we felt the topic was very interesting and certainly important, I am sorry to say that we do not feel that we are the right agency for this project. The very narrow focus of the exhibit and its media (e.g. editorial cartoons) makes it an offering that would be a difficult sell for our audience. We are, however, interested in learning more about your smaller show *Up in Smoke: Tobacco and Flight Attendant Health*. We feel this exhibition, with its historical context based in aviation history and public health issues, might appeal more to our audience. We have another exhibition touring currently on aviation posters; your smaller exhibition might also be of interest to venues that host this show.

If you would be interested in discussing some alternate ideas for a smoking-related show, please let me know, and please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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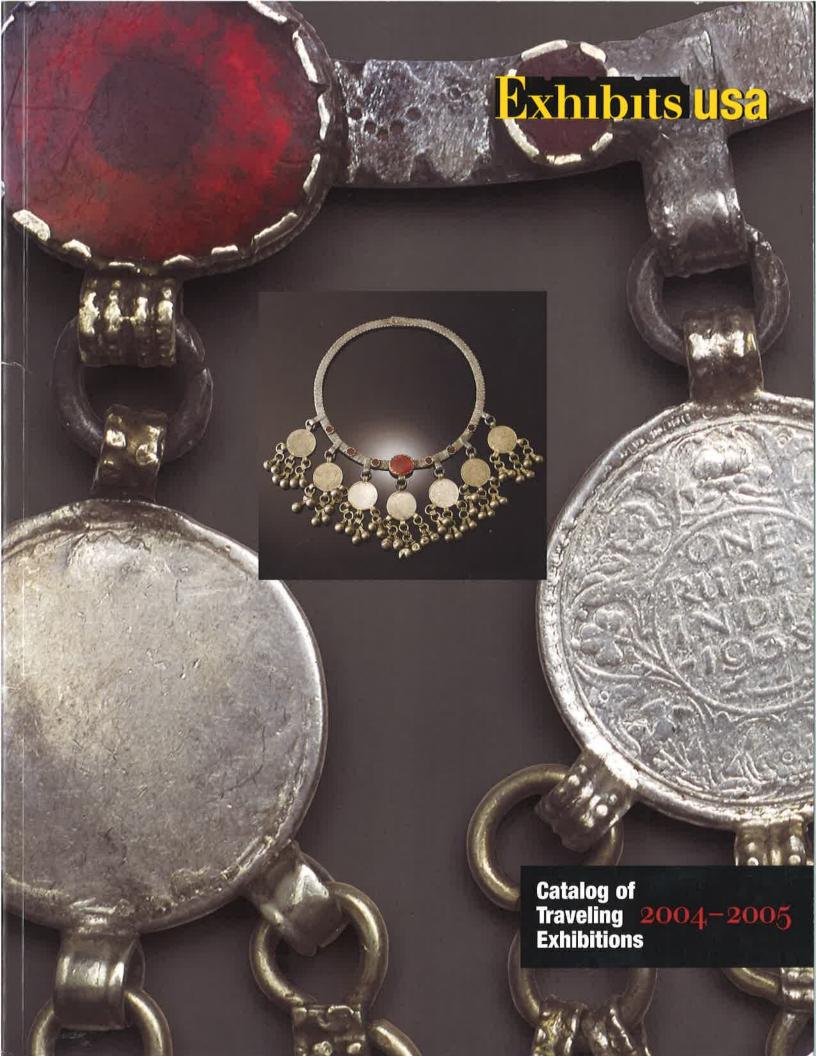
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