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# A People's Guide to the Federal Budget

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Foreword by *New York Times* best-selling author Barbara Ehrenreich

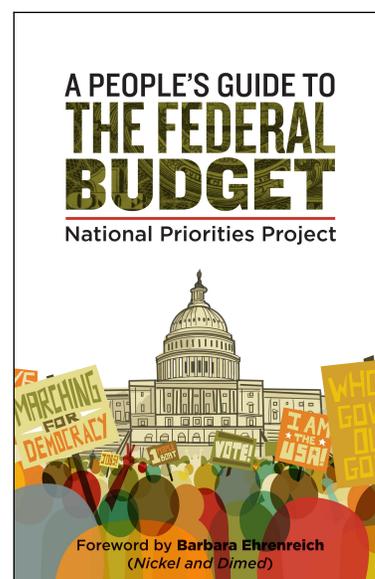
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