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Catherine Chen is the CEO of Polaris, a leading anti-trafficking organization in the United States. She is a veteran anti-trafficking strategist who has spent nearly two decades building innovative social justice programs to address the systemic failures and inequities that are at the root of sex and labor trafficking. Previously, as Polaris’ chief program officer she spearheaded their 10-year-vision for reducing and preventing trafficking at the magnitude of the problem. Prior to Polaris, Catherine spent seven years at Humanity United and led the foundation's Human Trafficking and Labor Migration team as Director of Investments. She also served as the inaugural global Anti-Trafficking and Child Protection Advisor for Save the Children. As a first generation Chinese-American, Catherine brings a deep commitment to racial and gender justice and economic equity and has a long track record of building up leaders who have lived experience.