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Nicole Austin-Hillery is the Executive Director of the US Program at Human Rights Watch. In this role, Ms. Austin-Hillery leads Human Rights Watch's efforts to end violations in abusive systems within the United States. Her work focuses on addressing and combatting systemic racism, improving the U.S. immigration system, tackling rights problems within the domestic criminal justice system and advocating for policies to address poverty and inequality informed by international human rights standards. Previously, she was the first Director and Counsel of The Brennan Center's Washington, D.C office where she oversaw the growth and development of its advocacy and policy development work in Washington. She is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and Carnegie Mellon University.