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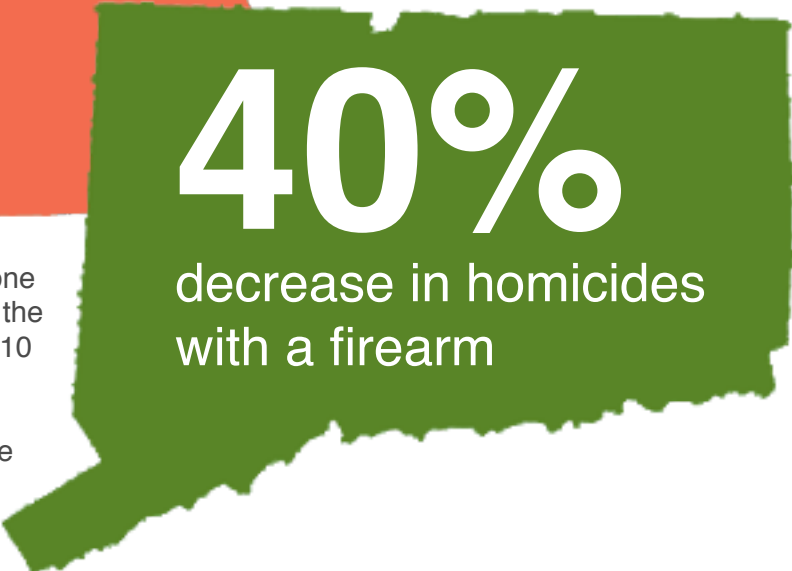
HANDGUN PURCHASER LICENSING SAVES LIVES & THE PUBLIC SUPPORTS IT

A red silhouette map of the state of Missouri, used as a background for the 25% increase statistic.

25%
increase in
homicides
with a firearm

In 2007, Missouri repealed its licensing and background check requirement, resulting in a 25% increase in firearm homicides and an overall 14% increase in murders over the subsequent five years.

The rise in gun deaths is directly attributable to the repeal of the licensing and background check requirement as the firearm homicide rate during the same period did not increase in adjoining states nor did the national average rise.

A green silhouette map of the state of Connecticut, used as a background for the 40% decrease statistic.

In 1994, Connecticut began requiring anyone purchasing a gun to be licensed as part of the background check process. Over the next 10 years, Connecticut's firearm homicide rate dropped 40%, a reduction not seen in comparable states or nationally. Over those same years, non-firearm homicides remained virtually unchanged.

40%
decrease in homicides
with a firearm

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