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After State Takeover, St. Louis Police Should Maintain Community-Based Intervention Efforts

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The imminent return of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police to state oversight is rooted in the belief that policing remains a crucial force for crime reduction.

Safer streets, in turn, fuel business growth and community development. **These legislative developments** — and the changes that come with them — will undoubtedly affect ongoing crime reduction initiatives.

Yet, St. Louis stands at a pivotal moment.

By official measures, the city has made progress toward reducing violence since 2020-2021, when there was a nationwide spike. Policing will play a key role in sustaining this progress, but other factors are critical as well.