When President Harry Truman observed: "The buck stops here.", he called it right. A candidate amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

Former U.S. Presidents and present or former U.S. Vice Presidents are inelegible for pardon by the U.S. President.

Our presidents have granted large numbers of pardons in recent years, significantly undermining the intended separate power of the judicial branch of government.

Another candidate amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

The U.S. President may pardon, at most, one person during each year in office.

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