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Sen. Smith examines the consequences of elected officials playing the blame game. Specifically, this column mentions the vote of DATCP Secretary, Brad Pfaff, and the increase to title and registration fees.

MADISON - President Harry Truman followed the mantra, 'the buck stops here.' These are honorable, and even courageous words to lead by. His motto was displayed on his White House desk and was proudly expressed in his speeches. He reminded us not to pass blame on to others.

This is exactly what's happening now in Wisconsin.

It's easy to blame the top officer when things don't go the way someone would like. I've heard folks sarcastically say "thanks a lot, Governor Evers!" in response to a policy with which they disagree. It's a danger to our democracy to single out one individual and play the political blame game – it threatens our country's fundamental practice of shared governance.

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