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2. *See id.*

3. Jonathan Zittrain, Kendra Albert & Lawrence Lessig, *Perma: Scoping and Addressing the Problem of Link and Reference Rot in Legal Citations*, 127 HARV. L. REV. F. 176 (2014).

4. *About Perma*, *supra* note 1.

5. *Id.*

6. *Id.*