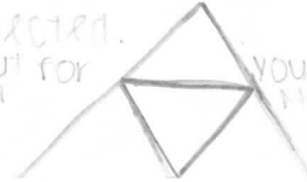


*image taken outside of the Naniloa Crown Room, on January 24th, 2017. My birthday. When my family surprised me by taking the day off of work and school to support me at the Hearing.



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