

*"I am proud to be a part of AAUW and its work for pay equity and the promotion of girls in science and technology."*

Rita Sklar is a nationally recognized, award-winning artist. For this painting, she was attracted to the American white pelicans in flight. She has painted a series of birds, many species of which are, unfortunately, in decline. Sklar is concerned about the environment and feels that the decline of some birds is a wake-up call to take better care of the earth. She joined a book group at the AAUW Oakland-Piedmont (CA) Branch in 1999 and has been participating in AAUW ever since. She enjoys the friendship of the women in the branch and their shared interest in important issues. More of her work can be found at [www.ritasklar.com](http://www.ritasklar.com).

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*Pelicans in Flight*



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Dear Governor Haley,

I am heart broken every time a woman elected to an important office in our government refuses to recognize the right of women to make their own healthcare decisions.

On the subject of abortion who are you to make a decision for another women when you have not walked in her shoes.

If you want to save children do it for those already with us orphaned, uneducated, hungry, without healthcare. some in your own state no doubt.

What are you doing about viagra and the other drugs that stimulate men .....how many unwanted pregnancies do they cause.?

Please give the abortion bill in your state a no vote and encourage your fellow citizens to give women the right to make their own healthcare decisions.

I pray that you will care for women less fortunate than yourself .

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Michel".

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