

Employees Hold Right to Work Protest in Morgantown

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A group of Frontier workers gathered outside one of their Morgantown locations Thursday morning to rally against Right to Work.

The Senate passed the Right to Work on Thursday. The temperatures in the teens didn't scare anybody away. They voiced their opinions on the Right to Work. About a dozen workers stood outside from about 7:30 to 8:00. Some of the workers understood both sides, that Right to Work might help create some jobs, but their major focus is they are happy with the money they're making, and don't really want to see that changed.

"We're out here to show that we're against right to work," said Cody Chrzaszcz. "We're united with each other and that belief and we enjoy our jobs here in West Virginia. We like our jobs. We like the money we make, we want to keep it that way. We feel like right to work is just to break up unions"

"I think they're trying to pass this in our state for the wrong reasons," said Jim Harris. "I think they're trying to say that it's going to bring in economical growth, and we don't believe that. We believe it's going to lower wages, possibly cut our benefits."

Although they don't agree with Right to Work, they do think there could be some good with it.

"In Right to Work states, there is more employment initially," said Bill Stanley. "But it's primarily to eliminate union jobs. And with the union jobs going away, any benefits that you have, the ability to make a living, to buy a car, to buy furniture, to buy appliances, all that goes away."

5 News spoke to Senator Mitch Carmichael, who is also a Frontier employee. He understands both sides from trying to help bring more jobs to West Virginia, but also what it's like to be part of a union.

"It's a win, win, win scenario," Senator Carmichael said. "I understand their apprehension, but it's all because of the fear of the unknown. The truth is, there's 25 other states that have this provision. 24 of those 25 states, their income is higher, have greater job growth, and population growth."