After all, a false confidence in ineffective gear could be just as dangerous as no gear at all.

Assumption

In this argument, the arguer recommends that ... To support the recommendation, the arguer points out that ... Further, the arguer cites that ... Logical as it seems at first thought, the argument is rife with vague, oversimplified and unsubstantiated assumptions after scrutinized, thus rendered unpersuasive as it stands.

the underlying assumption about ... is open to doubt

A threshold problem with the argument is that it is based on the assumption that ...

rests / relies on the assumption that

... in making this assumption, the arguer neglect the possibility that ...

unwarrantedly assumes that ..

simply assumes that ... yet does not provide any evidence that ... is indeed ...

In sum, the argument relies on certain doubtful assumptions that render it unconvincing. To buttress the argument, the author must provide clear evidence concerning ... to substantiate these assumptions above. To better assess the argument, the arguer would have to demonstrate that ... A careful verification of the above-mentioned assumptions is needed

Evidence

... recommends that ... bases the argument on the fact that ... cites that ... Well-intentioned as the argument is, close scrutiny reveals the absence of certain critical evidence, rendering it unpersuasive.

provides no evidence that ...

... (some citing) amount to scant evidence at best of ...

the mere fact that ... lend no credible support to ... in the absence of such evidence, it is entirely possible that ...

another piece of absent evidence that might help us to better evaluate the argument involves that ...

without concrete evidence to rule out these possibilities, .. does not conclusively substantiate the recommendation that ...

the arguer's assumption is unwarranted that ...

the argument assumes too hasty that ...

After the careful analysis above, it is sufficiently fair to conclude that the arguer lacks both detailed evidence as well as precise reasoning to make a sound argument. To corroborate the argument, the arguer must provide clear evidence concerning ...

Question

Seemingly logical and humanitarian as the argument is, unless and until the arguer can provide definite answer to several critical questions as follows, it remains untenable.

one question that needs to be raised / asked / addressed is whether ...

without definite answer to the question whether ...

In summary, the arguer leaves several critical questions unresolved, thus rendering the argument problematic. To bolster the the argument, the arguer must provide clear evidence concerning ... To better assess the argument, the arguer would have to demonstrate that ...

Alternative Explanation

Appearing somewhat convincing, the argument, nevertheless, is an untenable one in the presence of the following alternative explanations that could rival the proposed explanation in it.

the arguer interprets that fact ... as that ...

the arguer's explanation for the fact that ... is that ...

this, however, might well not be the case

host of alternative explanations ...

there is strong likelihood that ...

it's entirely possible that ...

In sum, the author should have considered and ruled out the above-mentioned alternative explanation to draw a definite conclusion.