

The central claim made in this letter is that the global eradication of Polio should be undertaken with urgency for economic reasons. The letter argues that if we spend our resources to eradicate Polio now, it will save money in the long run. The letter then points to an example which quotes a Government Accountability Office report that shows the amount of money that was saved by the global eradication of small pox and further states that the small pox campaign still saves us money. The claims made here are logical. The premises implied here is evident to the reader: the global eradication of polio is being delayed and the delay cuts into the amount of money that can be save if the disease eradicated. By providing an example of a similar program which was successful and quoting figures from a government authority, the letter provides ample support for its claims.

The letter urges swift action arguing that the longer it takes to complete the project, the more expensive it gets. This is explained with a plausible scenario in which the polio virus could mutate which makes the efforts to contain it more cumbersome and expensive. This part of the argument is also logical and complete: the author does not resort to an anecdote or emotional example but proposes a realistic possibility.