Dilemma

I encountered a situation where the exhaust manifold from my scooter was severely bent on one side, so that the exhaust gasket wouldn’t make a good contact with the exhaust and exhaust gases would leak. I could just put a ton of exhaust system cement on it and hope it would seal the leak. The problem is that this would not work long term, but buying a new manifold is cheaper when buying it with a new exhaust. But the exhaust on my scooter looks fine and isn’t that rusty.