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## Threatening emails linked to foreign interference

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At least two Fairbanks-area voters have received emails reportedly from the Proud Boys organization warning them to "vote for Trump ... or else."

Now the U.S. Department of Homeland Security says Iran was behind the emails, according to Wednesday evening statements made by John Ratcliffe, director of national intelligence.

Gregg Browder, a retired teacher who now lives in North

## US Intelligence officials say Iran was behind messages sent to Alaska voters

Pole, on Tuesday reported to the Daily News-Miner that he had received the email.

Browder said he forwarded the email and his concerns to the Anchorage FBI field office, Alaska Division of Elections, the Alaska Attorney General's Office and Alaska State Troop-

ers. Browder is not the only local voter to have received the email.

Christopher Friar, another Fairbanks-area resident, also reported receiving the same email from the same address: [info@proudboysofficial.com](mailto:info@proudboysofficial.com).

"You are currently registered as a Democrat and we know

this because we have gained access into the entire voting infrastructure," the message said. "You will vote for Trump on Election Day or we will come after you. Change your party affiliation to Republican to let us know you received our message and will comply."

Friar said he was alarmed to see the email show up in his inbox Tuesday morning. Any attempt to sway his vote was "too late," as he already cast an early vote on Monday, he said jokingly.

This is the first election that Friar is registered as a Democrat, he noted, explaining that he had previously been a non-partisan voter. This makes him wonder if the targeted email was only sent to recently registered Democrats, he said,

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